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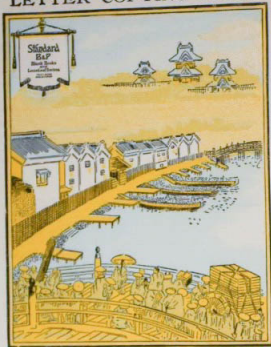
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March 15, 1933

Mr. L. VanDoren,
1318 Kay Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $8\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 15, 1933

Mr. Morris Fair,
Huckins Hotel,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver; less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge of $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid. I have no blanks at the present time which could be used to accompany shipments as a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

March 15, 1933

The Diamond Shop,
204 Fredonia Street,
Longview, Texas.

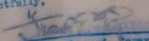
Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not purchase gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material. As you no doubt know, gold filled articles contain very little gold.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 18, 1933

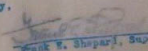
Dr. Clair E. Post,
213 Realty Building,
Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Returns are usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{8}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 16, 1933

Northeast Tool & Die Works,
5417 St. John Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Attention: Mr. W. P. Peterson

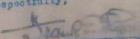
Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold scrap when forwarded in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1938

Mr. F. L. Boyle,
Mesa, Arizona. Box 432

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request noted on my letter to you of the 3rd instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the small button of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 21¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 6¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

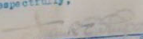
March 16, 1933

Mr. Clyde Mandell,
Mountain View, Oklahoma.
R.F.D. 1, Box 46.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th has been received and in reply you are advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Mr. Alfred Cain,
Monument, Colorado. Box 236.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen forwarded
here with your letter of the 12th instant and have to ad-
vise that this does not consist of gold but is pyrites of
iron and of no value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 16, 1933

Mr. V. H. Stephens,
2201 West Madison Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Mr. J. M. Hughes,
C/o Hughes-Todd Jewelry Company,
Emporia, Kansas.

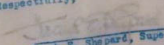
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 15, 1933

Pitman & Company,
Attention: Mr. B. F. Pitman, Jr.,
Frost National Bank Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 per 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 15, 1933

Dr. M. H. Oremland,
Eagle Building,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant, I have today returned to you by insured mail the 3.53 troy ounces of gold scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the 27¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ cents in postage to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.F
Enclosure

March 15, 1935

Mr. George W. Reiners,
3710 West 6th Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant you are advised that the Mint does not purchase gold by the various classes in which it may be forwarded here, hence, the gold contained in deposits consisting of plated or filled scrap is purchased on the same basis as all other deposits, namely, they shall contain a value of at least \$100.00 in pure gold and in addition shall have a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

In view of the fact that filled ware contains very little gold and plated ware even less than filled ware, you should include in such consignments a very generous proportion of silver and see that the gold content in such deposits will have a value of not less than \$100.00, and that you have included enough silver, which together with the gold, will give your consignment a pure precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight.

In view of the fact that our treatment charges are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, varying from 25¢ to 50¢ per ounce, shipments consisting of plated and filled ware, without considerable silver, carry heavy treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard Superintendent

OK:T

March 15, 1933

Alexander-Repass Company,
Attention: Mr. M. A. Repass,
309 Securities Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that I am unable to give you any information as to how much gold was shipped to the Mint from the Black Hills, near Mystic, South Dakota, during the years 1912 to 1915, as our records will show only the names of the companies that made such deposits. It seems more likely that these deposits would go to the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, then be forwarded to this Mint.

In regard to deposits made by the Western Paving Company operating near Custer, South Dakota, I have to advise that this company did not forward any consignments to the Mint from that locality last year under their name.

In this connection, please be advised that the Mint is not at liberty to give information as to the value or amount of deposits received without the written consent of the parties by whom such deposits were made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Mr. O. J. Herman,
104 Pollis Apartments,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the gold and filled ware forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 55¢ of the 40¢ money order enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a five-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 15, 1933

Mr. J. E. Sauer,
Tolley, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of March 7th, I have forwarded to W. E. Mowrey Company, 1434 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, the the 13.73 troy ounces of gold and silver which you sent to this Mint for purchase, using the 50¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	17¢
Insurance	25¢
Stamps herewith to balance	8¢

Respectfully,

Frank R. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 15, 1933

W. E. Mowrey Company,
1435 University Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

At the request of J. E. Sauer, Tolley, North Dakota, I have forwarded to you by insured parcel post a package of gold and silver weighing 13.73 troy ounces, which Mr. Sauer sent to this Mint for purchase and which the Mint could not accept, and have to request that you make returns direct to him.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Carbon copy to Mr. Sauer

March 15, 1933

Mr. C. H. Wimmer,
Carbondale, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package from you, unaccompanied by a letter of advice, containing two imitation nuggets composed of brass, and have to advise that this material is not suitable for purchase by the Mint and will be returned to you on receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Mr. P. W. Smith,
1050 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main Street,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name and address and containing 10.00 wry ounces of industrial scrap, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to same.

No deposits are entered on our books for treatment until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Mr. Moe Holland,
128 East Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 13th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 71.91 troy ounces and consisting of gold and filled ware, I have to advise that in order to render this material acceptable for purchase by the Mint will require the addition of at least 5 ounces of sterling silver to offset the large amount of base metal contained in the filled scrap. Upon receipt of this silver, your deposit will be entered for prompt treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Dave Habstedt Company,
106 Masonic Temple Building,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold filled scrap when accompanied by sufficient high-grade gold and silver to give the deposit a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

You are, of course, aware that gold-filled and gold plated ware contain but little gold, and in making up your shipment please be sure you have the required fineness of at least one-fifth of the weight in the precious metals. As our treatment charges are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of pure gold and silver, the less these charges will be.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 15, 1933

Koppe Jewelry Company,
106 North Broadway,
Billings, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, -- silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 15, 1933

Mrs. S. F. Gillespie,
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your postal card of the 12th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8½¢ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

While there is a great effort being made to re-monetize silver which would result in its purchase by the Mints, it is impossible to predict with any certainty that this legislation will be enacted by the Congress. I do not think there is any probability that the market price of gold will be advanced over its present price of \$20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 15, 1933

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to advise that your 240 ounces of filled jewelry and 126 ounces of silver were all mixed together when received here, hence, were weighed as one lot and found to contain 466.57 troy ounces, instead of 366 as stated by you. ~~These two lots (or one lot, weighed~~ received at the Mint) when added to ~~your~~ gold button, ~~weighed~~ here 79.87 troy ounces, gave these three items a ~~total weight of~~ 546.40 troy ounces. These lots were melted into one bar and when assayed was found to be high in nickel content and it was necessary to impose an extra charge of \$6.00 on account thereof. You will kindly note you were paid 168.10 ounces of fine silver in exchange for the silver forwarded by you, the weight of which you claim was 126.00 ounces, thus indicating that your error was made in weighing your silver lot.

Your other button which you state weighed 688 penny-weights, weighed 31.25 troy ounces, or 12/100 of an ounce less than your weight. This button was also melted into a bar and when assayed was, like the other bar, high in nickel content, and an extra charge of \$1.00 was imposed.

I have had both of these bars reassayed and these re-assays check our original assays in every particular. While your deposits had a weight of approximately 100 ounces more than stated by you, their value is in accordance with the payment forwarded you, and I am unable to understand your estimated value of \$1300, unless you greatly misjudged the character of the material contained in this deposit.

I am always glad to have depositors call my attention to any apparent errors and to correct them when they are found to exist, but a review of your deposit does not disclose that any mistake has been made in this instance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 15, 1933

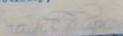
Mr. Harry Mednick,
C/o Spicer's, 417 Polk Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request under date of the 13th instant, I have this day returned to you by express, charges collect, the ~~filled ware~~ ^{filled ware} ~~sent to you~~ to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Mr. O. L. Wallin,
Morrill, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing two gold marks and have to advise that the Mint can not redeem these coins nor purchase them from you as foreign coins are accepted only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your marks will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

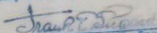
March 16, 1933

Mr. C. A. Shadford,
123 North Nevada Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of recent date, please
be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in any quan-
tity.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

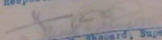
Miss Marguerite Fisher,
Hartun, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in any quantity, nor can I give you any information as to where you might be able to obtain it. There is no law limiting or prohibiting the sale of silver, although the Mint does not purchase that metal except when accompanied by an appreciable amount of gold, the total to have a value of at least \$100.

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter, you are advised that the Mints do not deal in old coins in any manner, nor does the Government ever pay a premium on any of its coins. I have no information whatever as to a premium on Indian head pennies at the World Fair.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1935

Mr. Al C. Parjus,
Green River, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 15th instant and have to advise that instead of being gold dust, this material is powdered mica and silica and has no values in the precious metals.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Mr. I. Fuiks,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and accompanying consignment you are advised that upon receipt here the latter weighs 43.04 troy ounces instead of about 53 ounces as stated by you. Before proceeding to treat this material, please advise me if the weight as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Answering your inquiry if the Mint could purchase 150 gold-filled cases of all qualities, you are advised that all deposits of gold in the form of manufactured articles must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit and if your cases will contain \$100.00 in pure gold and be accompanied by sufficient high-grade silver to provide a precious metal content equal to not less than one fifth of the weight, they may be forwarded here for purchase.

Kindly accompany any consignment you may make with a letter of advice.

Respectfully

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 16, 1933

Willings, Jewelers,
Le Mar, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, weighing 16.94 troy ounces instead of about 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as weighed by you, I have to advise that included therein you have a small bottle marked "platinum". The Mint does not purchase platinum in any form nor undertake to separate it from gold consignments and it will therefore be necessary for you to waive the platinum values contained in the material in this little bottle, or it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

You are also requested to advise me if the weight of your consignment as received at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 16, 1933

Kuehn Optical Company, Inc.,
Plankinton Building, 128 Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that your letter and consignment under date of the 13th instant have been received, the latter weighing 4.32 troy ounces, but owing to the fact that the Mint does not accept deposits of manufactured gold having a value under \$100.00, this material can not be purchased by the Mint as its value would not anywhere near approximate the minimum value accepted.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

March 16, 1933

M. Henricksen Jewelry Company,
416 West Superior Street,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a consignment weighing upon receipt here 15.12 troy ounces, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight at the Mint meets with your approval, as you state your consignment should weigh 16 ounces. Upon receipt of this information, I will proceed to treat this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Greenberg Jewelry Company,
621 Fourth Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{16}$ ¢ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

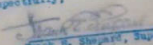
March 16, 1933

Mr. F. A. Griffith,
3528 North 27th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase by the Mint has not been changed from \$100.00, nor where the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content is less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

March 16, 1933

Col. Charles E. Rutherford,
505 Heard Building,
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, you are advised that freshly mined gold is accepted at the Mint in consignments containing at least two troy ounces of gold when practically free from sand, rock, or other foreign substances.

Gold in the form of manufactured articles is received in lots having a value not under \$100.00 when the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposits - consignments in either case to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Mr. W. E. Allison,
1007 West 29th Street,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 13th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 6.16 troy ounces, you are advised that only such deposits of industrial scrap as have a value of at least \$100.00 may be accepted by the Mint for purchase, and as your material will not approximate that value, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

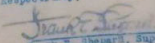
Goodman Loan & Mercantile Company, Inc.,
2701 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to the postscript on your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that deposits of filled jewelry are accepted only under the conditions applying to all other deposits, namely, that they have a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight and contain a minimum value of \$100.

In regard to the \$20 gold piece contained in your consignment accompanying your letter as above, please be advised that separate returns could not be made you thereon, no returns being made on portions of a deposit having a value under \$100. Its value, however, is approximately \$19.75.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1933

Adams Dental Laboratory,
Medical Arts Building,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant stating you are forwarding some gold dust and dental scrap for purchase by the Mint, you are advised that to date this material has not been received and I thought it proper to call your attention to that fact.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 17, 1933

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Supplemental Contract No. T4m-65, covering telephone service at this institution which has been duly approved by the Director of the Mint.

Please note that the number of this contract has been changed to read "T4m-65" in lieu of "T4m-65-A", thus carrying the original number.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 17, 1933

Mr. Floyd M. Nash,
1534 High Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 5¢ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of receipt and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1938

First National Bank,
Tonasket, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, you are advised that the gold nugget included therein weighs 9.47 troy ounces and the small amount of jewelry $93/100$ of a troy ounce, giving your deposit a total weight of 10.40 troy ounces. As this is considerably less than the weight stated by you, you are requested to advise me promptly if the weight as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1933

Hauser-Miller,
113 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have
to advise that payment for your consignment under date of the
11th instant was forwarded you on the 16th instant and will no
doubt be in your hands by the 20th instant, as you desire.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 17, 1935

Mr. E. A. Erickson,
Sumner, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 14th instant, weighing upon receipt here 2.48 troy ounces, can not be accepted for purchase by the Mint as deposits of manufactured gold must have a value not under \$100.00, and as your material would not even closely approximate that amount and is of very poor character, I have to request that you will forward me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1933

Mr. A. M. House,
Taylor, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, consisting of 16 buttons and one piece of dental scrap, weighing 11.07 troy ounces, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if this weight meets with your approval before proceeding to treat this material, your postal card having stated that you were forwarding 12 or 14 ounces of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1933

Mr. George E. Vaughn,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

March 17, 1933

Mr. Martin A. Larson,
General Delivery,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and your questions are answered as follows:

1. The Mint will accept any old gold articles for purchase, provided, the deposit has a value in pure gold amounting to \$100.00 and also contains one fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.
2. Payments are usually forwarded within three to five days after the receipt of deposits, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.
3. The Mint can not state the fineness of any gold articles prior to their being melted and assayed.
4. If the depositor desires, gold coins or gold certificates will be sent in exchange for the pure gold content of the deposit, the balance being paid by check on the Treasurer of the United States; coin to be forwarded at the expense and risk of the depositor; or a check on the Treasurer of the United States will be issued for the entire amount.
5. The Mint does not purchase gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the customary charges applying on the deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 17, 1933

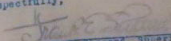
Federal Reserve Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant transmitting a number of foreign gold coins to this institution for purchase at their bullion value and requesting that the value of each lot be shown upon the carbon copies of your letters accompanying same, please be advised that under the regulations foreign gold coins are purchased by the Mints and Assay Offices only in quantities of \$100. or over. Under these conditions, it will be impossible for me to give you the exact value of each lot of coin forwarded by you, but a very close approximation of the value of each lot will be given you in memorandum form.

As such deposits carry the usual melting charge of \$1.00 applying on deposits of bullion, you are requested to advise me promptly if I shall treat your coins accordingly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 18, 1932

Mr. E. F. Atwood,
Sisseton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that this institution is not permitted by law to do any private coinage, nor make dies or sell silver in any quantity. Under these circumstances, I am unable to furnish you any figures as to what it would cost you to manufacture the coins mentioned by you, and in view of the fact that it is unlawful to make any coins having any similitude to those issued by the United States, I would suggest that you obtain permission from the Treasury Department at Washington before you undertake the manufacture of any kind of coins to be used as substitutes for those issued by the Government.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Mr. Charles Riddell,
258 Walker Street,
Wausau, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant,
please be advised that all applications for new or uncir-
culated coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United
States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

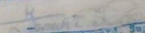
March 18, 1933

Miss Gladys Fuller,
20 Beech Street,
Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, I regret that I can give you no information regarding the premium value, if any, on the coins mentioned by you. The Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, except to purchase United States coins at their bullion value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1933

Mr. H. L. Polzer,
1126 Walnut Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. It is not necessary to melt your material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

The Mint does not deal in old coins, nor have I any printed matter giving information on this subject.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

March 18, 1933

Mr. M. L. Norvell, Manager,
McFadden Jewelry Company,
San Benito, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of \$100.00 or over, and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the new York market price for the silver contained in gold deposits, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction. also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

March 16, 1933

Mr. S. Bell,
5069 Delmar Boulevard,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$21.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid. Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays or holidays.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 20, 1933

Pearce Dental Supply Company,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen;

Referring to your three consignments under date of the 18th instant, I regret to say that I am not able to forward you separate refining report on Lot No. 1, as the regulations require that such reports can only be made on lots that possess all the requirements of a deposit, namely, a value of \$100.00, etc.

If you desire you may forward some additional material to be added to this lot, or it can be added to No. 2 or No. 3, as desired by you. Please advise me promptly of your wishes.

Regretting that I can not accommodate you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 20, 1923

Mr. Eugene A. Levi,
1125 P Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 17th instant which you state should have a weight of about 17½ ounces, you are advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 22.02 troy ounces, or almost five ounces more than stated by you. As this is a considerable discrepancy in weight, I would appreciate your advising me promptly if our weight meets with your approval, before proceeding to treat this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 20, 1933

First Security Bank,
Mr. Glenn E. Wilson, Vice President,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 16th instant, the latter weighing 1.01 troy ounces, and have to advise that if this button is freshly mined gold, deposits of such character must have a weight or at least two troy ounces of gold in order to be acceptable for purchase. If this button, however, has been made from gold in manufactured articles, such deposits must have a value of at least \$100.

As this deposit is considerably under the minimum weight accepted for purchase, I would suggest that unless the additional gold required can be forwarded promptly you send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 20, 1933

Mr. James H. Kiewick,
Eligore, Texas. Box 87

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant and in reply would suggest that instead of endeavoring to refine your old gold before forwarding it to the Mint or other refinery for resale you forward it here as received by you - deposits of such character being accepted for purchase ~~when with a~~ value in pure gold content of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

It would be impossible for you to install an electrolytic refinery in your automobile and refine your gold before transmitting it to the Mint, owing to the fact that refining is a very complicated process and requires considerable experience and more equipment than you could possibly place in your car.

Should you decide to forward any shipments here, they should be accompanied by a letter of advice and check in payment will be sent you to whatever address you may indicate therein.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

March 20, 1933

Dr. Wayne Clark,
Suite 1026 Donaghey Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{9}{16}$ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 20, 1933

Plank & Company,
210 Main Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your recent letter, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 20, 1933

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant forwarding certain foreign gold coins to this institution having a total weight of 2.70 troy ounces, please be advised that owing to the fact that such coins may be purchased only in lots having a value of not under \$100.00, as stated in my letter to you of the 17th instant regarding your shipment of the 14th instant of foreign gold coins, it will be necessary either to add this shipment to your previous shipment or supplement it with at least two troy ounces of additional gold of equivalent quality.

I am holding both shipments pending further advice from you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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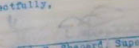
March 20, 1933

DeVinny Jewelry Store,
Delta, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, please be advised that there has been no change in the minimum value required in deposits acceptable for purchase ~~which amount~~ at \$100.00 in value and with a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 20, 1933

Citizens National Bank,
Hillsboro, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the silver dollar forwarded with your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that this dollar, which is badly mutilated, can only be purchased at its bullion value which would be 19¢. Kindly advise me promptly if this will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 20, 1933

Mr. Thomas Flatner,
2257 South Howell Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

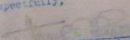
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

March 20, 1933

Mr. Homer Heizer,
1856 North 12th Street, Apt. 6,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

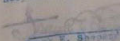
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for melting 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{16}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

March 21, 1933

Mr. M. M. Murphy,
1611 Mabey Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint does not buy gold by the troy but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each assignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Murphy, Superintendent

March 21, 1933

Modern Cash Store,
Attention: Mr. E.B. Hector, Jr.,
Billings, Mont. Hector.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th instant, you are advised that the M&M accepts deposits of pieces sold for purchase which have a weight of two full troy ounces of gold when accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Old gold, such as jewelry, dental work, etc., is purchased in lots having a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one fifth of the weight of the deposit, paying at the rate of \$20.87 per each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York price for silver.

A melting charge of \$1.00 per 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 1¢ per each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, is imposed on each deposit; also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 5¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material. Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit.

Sincerely,

John H. Skaggs, Superintendent

March 21, 1933

Hon. Elmer E. Hughes,
Superintendent, United States Assay Office,
200 Old Slip, New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant relative to broken glass plate of the assay balance forwarded you by this institution via Railway Express on the 5th instant, and am enclosing herewith carbon copy of my letter to the Railway Express Agency, Inc., in this city, asking claim for reimbursement of damages in connection therewith. Trusting this will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

cc: T
Enclosure

March 21, 1933

Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the assay balance shipped by this institution to the New York Assay Office, New York City, March 2nd, 1933, on Government bill of lading No. T-47021, I have to advise that the glass base of this balance was subjected ~~and~~ to have been broken in transit, the inspection report of your New York agent and letter of the consignee in the premises being herewith enclosed.

Our records show that this glass was purchased from the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in this city at a cost of \$2.00, less 15% - 10 days, and as it will be necessary for the New York Assay Office to return the balance to this institution to put a new glass plate base in place, I have to submit a claim in the above amount, as well as for transportation charges to be incurred in forwarding this balance to Denver and its return to New York City, payment for the proper amount to be made to the Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Vice-President

CHT
Encls.

March 21, 1933

Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment received this date, I note that you included therein a copy of an advertisement in which the following statement appears:

"~~Under our guarantee a~~ ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~one~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~dealt~~ ~~with~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.S. Mint~~ ~~all~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~old~~ ~~gold~~ ~~is~~ ~~being~~ ~~dealt~~ ~~with~~ ~~by~~ ~~us~~ ~~and~~ ~~only~~ ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~the~~ ~~agents~~ ~~through~~ ~~which~~ ~~this~~ ~~service~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~rendered~~."

In this connection you are advised that it is a per-
sonal offense for any one to represent himself as an agent
of the Government without proper authority having previously
been obtained, and you will therefore kindly note any such
statement or inference that might be so construed in your ad-
vertising. The Mint does not employ any agents whatever, nor
would it authorize any one to act in its behalf in connection
with the purchase of old gold, or in any other manner.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 21, 1923

John Hanks & Son,
109 Washington Street,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Your deposit at this institution weighing 8.71
troy ounces is being held without treatment pending the
receipt from you of a letter of advice. ~~no deposits~~
no deposits being entered on our books until such advice
has been received from the depositor.

Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Murphy, Superintendent

CH:T

March 21, 1933

F. Bangs & Company,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment statement of two hundred and thirty-three grey ounces, and have to advise that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor. You are therefore requested to write me promptly regarding this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 21, 1933

Mr. Charles C. Nuhn,
Fruita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt from you of two retorts and some grains of gold, weighing 1.73 troy ounces, and regret to advise you that two full troy ----- ~~was an~~ ~~very~~ ~~mis~~ ~~business~~ amount the Mint is permitted to accept for purchase.

If you can send enough more gold to give your deposit the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, please send us the necessary postage and insurance ~~and~~ ~~return~~ of this gold to you.

If you can send the additional gold, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice stating the source from which your gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

March 21, 1933

Mr. John Westphal,
106 South Iowa Avenue,
Washington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request noted on my letter to you of the 10th instant, I have had the gold sent to you by insured mail the old gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 19¢ of the ~~old~~ ^{new} in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning you herewith \$1.19 in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter. I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

March 21, 1933

Mr. W. A. Sherrill,
Carbondale, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment of natural
grains, weighing upon receipt here 48.7500 as a fine ounce.
I regret to have to advise you that two full troy ounces of
gold is the very minimum amount of such gold necessary for
purchase by the mint. I therefore have to request that
you send me the necessary postage and insurance for the re-
turn of these grains to you.

Neurotically.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CMI-3

March 21, 1937

Mrs. J. T. Witherspoon,
Fruita, Colorado. Box 13

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than ~~one~~ ^{two} fifths of the weight of the material. Gold plated and ~~old~~ ^{gold} filled ware contain very little gold and must be accompanied by sufficient high-grade gold or sterling silver to make sure the entire lot will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals (gold and silver).

The Mint does not buy gold by the Karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price less .11 per, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

1992

March 21, 1933

Mr. H. O. Hartley,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment of Jewelry, weighing upon receipt here 58/100 of a troy ounce, I regret to advise you that deposits of old gold must have a value of at least \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. Under these conditions I can not purchase your Jewelry and have to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

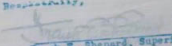
March 21, 1933

Mr. Victor Biffel,
Durham, Kansas. Box 116

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, please
be advised that the mutilated \$2.50 gold piece can be accepted
by the Mint at its bullion value. ~~but we will not be able to~~
handle the foreign coins unless their value is at least \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

March 21, 1933

Mrs. R. D. Strickland,
248 South Center Street,
Casper, Wyoming.

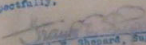
Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$350.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for melting up to one ounce, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

March 21, 1933

Miss Tina Harrington,
Bunker Hill, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold or pure gold and silver contents of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WHT

March 22, 1933

Kuhn Optical Company,
Plankinton Building,
125 Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your note and my letter to you of the 16th instant, I am returning to you this day by express mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 25¢ of the 50¢ in postage enclosed with your note for that purpose and returning herewith 25¢ in stamps to balance. I am also returning my letter to you of 16th instant above referred to as per your request.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

March 22, 1933

Mr. Louis Bair,
Pasamonte, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and regret to say that the Mint could not purchase the gold mentioned by you as articles of old jewelry or gold in any manufactured form is not accepted for purchase except in lots having a value of at least \$1000.

I would suggest that you endeavor to dispose of your gold to some jeweler in your city.

Very respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 22, 1933

Mr. T. P. McMahon,
222 West Clark Avenue,
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant by reference of the American Smelting Company, Lead, South Dakota, and have to advise that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the ~~fine~~ ^{pure} gold, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter or advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 22, 1933

Mr. C. W. Marlan,
475 North Milwaukee Street,
West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular which will give you full instructions relative to the conditions under which deposits are received for purchase by the Mint.

In regard to your inquiry as to where you could secure full information on the test process and method of reducing your gold at home, I regret that I am unable to supply you with any information on this subject and ~~will~~ suggest that your old jewelry and gold be forwarded to the Mint for the conditions outlined in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

March 22, 1928

Messrs. C. F. White & Son,
Outhrie, Oklahoma.

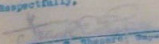
Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of previous date you are advised that if your gold filled and plated jewelry and watch cases, together with your old ~~cases~~, will have a ~~same~~ ^{total} content of \$100.00 in value and your deposit will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver, it may be forwarded here for purchase, the Mint not accepting deposits where the base metal content exceeds 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

As you no doubt are aware, plated and filled ware are mostly base metal, and I would suggest if you have any doubt as to the base metal content exceeding the above requirement, that you add considerable high-grade silver in order to reduce the proportion of base. This will also lower the treatment charges on ~~some~~ ^{your} deposits which are based largely upon the amount of ~~base metal~~ ^{base metal} in deposits.

Kindly accompany your shipment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Stamped envelope returned

March 22, 1933

Mr. John W. Davis,
Alamosa, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, weighing 13.00 Troy ounces, I have to advise that a preliminary test of your material indicates that its base metal content is far in excess of the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable under the regulations of the Mint and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned ----.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 22, 1938

W. Wilinsky & Company
421 Barton Building,
16th & Farnam Streets.
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Answering your letter of the 20th instant, you was advised that when deposits contain a pure gold value in excess of \$100.00, fine gold bars may be issued for such gold content - no bars being issued having a weight under five troy ounces.

Regarding your inquiry as to whether you could purchase fine gold bars at your local Federal Reserve Bank with checks received from the Mint on the Treasurer of the United States, I would suggest that you take that matter up with the bank, although I believe you could purchase fine gold bars from the bank if wanted for use in ^{payment of your bank account} ~~the bank~~ ^{the bank} ~~has been prohibited from~~ ^{has been prohibited from} ~~doing so.~~ ^{doing so.} At the present time the Mint has been prohibited from selling any fine gold and can only issue fine gold bars in exchange for the gold content in deposits as above stated.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Cell 17

March 22, 1933

The Boulder National Bank,
Mr. W. M. Williams, Assistant Cashier,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 14th inst.,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the nuggets
forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 12½ of the
21¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and
returning herewith 8¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you

in that matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

Enclosure

March 22, 1933

American Gold and Silver Refining Company,
Mrs. Boyle P. Ross, Secretary,
2807 Bonar Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant stating you are forwarding by express 22 ounces and one pennyweight of gold, you are advised that your industrial scrap upon receipt here weighs 17.06 troy ounces, or approximately five ounces less than stated by you.

Your package was received in good condition and does not appear to have been tampered with, but before proceeding to treat this material, I want to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

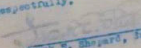
March 22, 1933

Mr. R. P. Stevens,
Jackson State Bank,
Jackson, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant and accompanying consignment weighing 1.07 troy ounces, please be advised that deposits of this character must have a value of at least \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint and as the value of your material will fall greatly below that amount, I would suggest that you forwarded me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 22, 1933

Mr. Mayer Rosenman,
501 West Houston Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant consisting of industrial scrap weighing 7.27 troy ounces, you are advised that after melting and assaying this material its value has been found to be considerably below \$100.00 and I am therefore compelled to reject your deposit and impose our charges amounting to \$2.00 which you are requested to forward me by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this material for remelting by the Mint, it will be necessary for you to send gold having a value of at least \$40.00 in order to render this material acceptable for purchase, but before this may be done, however, the above charges will have to be paid. Please advise me promptly

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

March 22, 1933

Messrs. M. & M. Rosenman
739 West Commerce Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 16th instant stating you are forwarding a small bar of low-karat gold chase, which upon receipt here weighs 4.76 troy ounces, and have to advise that this consignment can not be purchased by the Mint as all deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

In this connection I have to advise that I am holding two bars weighing 57.54 troy ounces which have been received from you unaccompanied by a letter of advice which is necessary before deposits may be entered for them.

If you desire, the small bar forwarded with your letter of the 16th instant can be added to the two bars and one memorandum and check issued in payment. Separate returns could not be made you on the small bar as it is necessary that each lot upon which returns are made have the full status of a deposit.

Please advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter and in future accompany each consignment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 22, 1933

Mr. E. A. Erickson,
Sumner, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 20th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 12% in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

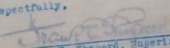
March 22, 1933

Mr. Newton A. Martin,
C/o General Delivery,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Regarding to your letter of the 20th instant, as
the gold to which you refer will have a minimum value of
\$100.00 and its base metal content is not in excess of four
fifths of the weight of the deposit, it will be purchased by
the Mint - it being necessary that all deposits have a value
of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content
equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the consignment.
Silver will be accepted only when it contains an
appreciable amount of gold under the above conditions.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 23, 1933

Mr. H. F. Olds,
Round Lake, Minnesota.

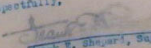
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 20th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not purchase gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

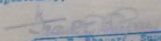
March 23, 1933

Mr. H. S. Bausch,
9412 Hough Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 19th instant, you are advised that no change has been made in the method of payment of gold deposits at the Mint, gold coins or gold bars being issued in exchange for the gold content of deposits if so desired by the depositor. Gold coins are issued in the denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 23, 1933

Mr. Frank E. Kendrick, Jr.,
Treasurer of Lake County,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that freshly mined gold is accepted by the Mint in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces, or over, of gold and there are no documents necessary to transmit therewith other than a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

March 23, 1933

Mr. E. B. Austin, Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, I have this day forwarded you by railway express, charges collect, the foreign gold coins, transmitted to this institution with your letters of the 14th and 16th instant, having a total weight of 12.86 troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1935

George Kadin Company,
214 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 187, you are advised that upon receipt here this material weighs 124.56 troy ounces in lieu of 2630 pennyweights, or 171.50 troy ounces as stated in your advice. Please wire me upon receipt of this if the weight as received at the Mint meets with your approval in order that this consignment may be included in this month's deposits, our month closing the first of the coming week.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

March 24, 1933

The Pattison-McGrath Company,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that all deposits of old gold of whatever nature in order to be acceptable for purchase, or upon which separate returns may be made, must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

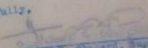
A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction thereof, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where the deposit contains 25% or more of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) when \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction, is imposed. In addition to these charges there is also imposed a treatment charge varying from 1¢ to 2¢ per gross ounce, or fraction, according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

White gold-filled watch cases, or other filled and plated ware, contain a little gold, they are composed chiefly of base metal, and when such articles are forwarded to the Mint for purchase, enough good gold should be included to give the deposit a value of \$100.00 and sufficient high-grade silver added to preclude any possibility that the base metal contained does not exceed the amount above stated, the treatment charges increasing with the amount of the base metal content.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WHE

March 24, 1935

Mr. C. E. Schick,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the piece of fused metal, apparently gold, forwarded by you to this institution and weighing 1.41 troy ounces, you are advised that if this metal represents the fusion of gold from manufactured articles such deposits must have a value not under \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit in order to be acceptable for purchase. In the event that it is freshly mined gold, such deposits must have a minimum weight of two full troy ounces of gold, or over, in order to be acceptable for purchase, the depositor to state the name of the mine, its location and his relation thereto from which such gold has been obtained.

If this metal is not acceptable at the present time, I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 24, 1933

Mr. Luther Jacob,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your imitation nugget, weighing 10/100 of a troy ounce has been received, unaccompanied by a letter of advice, and as this metal is not acceptable for purchase by the Mint, I have to request that you will forward me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you. As you do not desire it returned, kindly advise me in order that it may be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. W. W. Smith,
Clifton, Arizona. Box 664

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your natural grains, weighing 2.41 troy ounces, unaccompanied by a letter of advice, and have to advise that no deposits are entered for treatment until such a letter has been received from the depositor.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

March 24, 1933

Mr. W. H. Baker,
Tucson, Arizona. Box 1790

Dear Sir:

If the gold nuggets to which you refer are freshly mined gold and have a weight of at least two full troy ounces, which is the minimum accepted for purchase by the Mint, they may be forwarded here as a deposit accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which this gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1933

Mrs. Orpha Spittler,
1208 Jefferson Street,
Hamburg, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Your imitation gold grains, weighing 90/100 of a
troy ounce, have been received and as the Mint does not ac-
cept such metal for purchase, you are requested to forward
me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this
material to you. If you do not desire it returned, kindly
advise me in order that it may thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. Samuel Hays,
2426 Terrillier Boulevard,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that deposits of native gold must be reduced to metallic form before being forwarded to the Mint. Such deposits must contain at least two troy ounces of gold and be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained in order to be acceptable for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. H. W. Kahn, Cashier,
The Farmers and Traders Bank,
California, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant and accompanying consignment of old gold weighing 79/100 of a troy ounce have been received and I regret to say that the Mint can not purchase this gold as deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1933

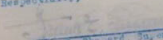
Hauser-Miller,
113 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of the 22nd instant, you are advised that this bar weighs 55.52 troy ounces in lieu of 52.15 troy ounces, or 1045 pennyweights as invoiced by you.

Before proceeding to treat this gold, you are requested to advise me if the weight of your bar at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. E. M. Adderson,
Assistant Cashier,
Ronan State Bank,
Ronan, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and accompanying cuff button, weighing 23/100 of a troy ounce, and regret to advise that the Mint can not purchase this from your client as the gold piece has been mutilated and would now be classed as old jewelry, deposits of which character are not accepted having a value under \$100.

As this gold piece is no longer fit for circulation, having a monogram on one side and a cuff button shank on the other side, I do not think gold of this character would come within the purview of the President's recent proclamation.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this cuff button will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Q&T

March 24, 1933

Cooper-Martin & Company,
Moab, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 20th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 1.24 troy ounces instead of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as stated in your letter, and have to advise that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least accepted by the Mint for purchase.

If you can not send the additional gold necessary to give this consignment the required weight, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 24, 1933

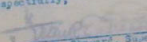
Mr. Robert W. Morris, Cashier
The First National Bank,
Florence, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and have to advise that your small retort, weighing 96/100 of a troy ounce can not be accepted for purchase by the Mint as deposits of gold of this character must contain at least two troy ounces of gold in order to be acceptable.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this retort will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 24, 1935

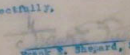
Krause Gold Refinery,
Ozark Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 23rd instant, consisting of two bars, you are advised that upon receipt here these bars weigh 137.78 troy ounces instead of 138.35 ounces, and before proceeding to treat them, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Regarding your request for a supply of forms to be used in making deposits at the Mint, I regret to say that our stock of these forms has become exhausted and it will be some time before a new supply will be received by me. In the meantime kindly write the usual letter of advice as in this instance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. W. L. Lehr,
4525 Worth Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 21st instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge which varies from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 24, 1933

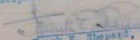
Mr. John W. Dorris,
Alamosa, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note on my letter to you of the 22nd instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 21¢ of the fifty cents in coins enclosed with your note for that purpose and returning you herewith one quarter dollar and a four-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I would not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

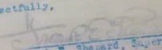
March 24, 1933

Mr. Samuel H. Parker,
Miles City, Montana. 611 Garland Street.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that all quicksilver must be driven off deposits of gold accumulated therewith before being forwarded to the Mint for purchase. Native gold is purchased in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces of gold when accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 24, 1933

Mr. Ben Streusand,
222 Milam Street,
Houston, Texas.

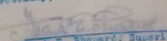
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignments under date of the 20th and 21st instant, weighing upon receipt here 20.12 and 60.00 troy ounces, respectively, and have to state that I am in doubt as to the proper manner in which payment should be made for these deposits, as check can not be drawn as requested in your advice to Ben Streusand for the account of L. D. Newirth (?) when the advice is signed by another party, whose name by the way, I can not decipher.

If you are collecting this gold in behalf of L. D. Newirth, you should indicate on the slip that check should be drawn to him and sign your name at the bottom; or if you desire check made payable to you for the account of L. D. Newirth, you should indicate that it be drawn to Ben Streusand, Agent, for the account of L. D. Newirth, and sign your name at the bottom thereof.

Both shipments have been received from you and while you have the privilege of stating to whom you desire the checks made payable, there is no authority for doing so unless the slip is signed by the depositor. I am therefore withholding payment for these deposits until advised in whose name as depositor they shall be entered and to whom payment shall be made.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 25, 1933

Mr. Charles G. Bluba,
Fruita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 23rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the grains
of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
the 13¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that pur-
pose as follows:

Postage	.03
Insurance	.10

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 25, 1933

Mr. V. E. Anderson,
140 North 12th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit under date of the 24th instant, consisting of gold scrap and fillings weighing 11.42 troy ounces, you probably understand that such deposits must have a value not under \$100.00, as well as a pure precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

While there seems to be no question as to the latter requirement, I am in doubt that your deposit will have a value of \$100.00 and I would suggest that you send some additional gold scrap of good quality to be added thereto.

Should your deposit be treated in its present condition and its value should fall below \$100.00, the regulations require that it be rejected and our treatment charge imposed. You can save this additional and unnecessary expense by sending enough gold to give your deposit the required value - perhaps, one or two ounces of good gold will suffice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 25, 1933

Plank & Company,
210 Main Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 22nd instant and have to advise that your material weighs here 130.71 troy ounces instead of a total of 133.20 ounces of the various weights stated by you - the greatest difference being in the weight of your silver which you state is 39 ounces and which weighs here 35.95 troy ounces, a difference of 3.05 troy ounces.

I have proceeded to treat your consignment but thought it proper to call your attention to this discrepancy in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1923

Mr. J. W. Brassill,
Pinedale, Wyoming. Box 170

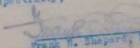
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, you are advised that the Government does not charge any royalty on gold produced in mining.

The Mint will accept deposits of mined gold in lots as small as two troy ounces of gold, but when gathered with mercury, the latter should be distilled off before the gold is forwarded to the Mint.

The Mint can not accept deposits containing any appreciable amount of black sand.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

March 25, 1933

Huff's Jewelry Store,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Answering the last paragraph of your letter of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not sell silver bullion in any quantity, nor am I able to advise you from whom you could purchase this metal.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 27, 1933

A. Quint & Company,
5 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant relative to making an umpire assay, you are advised that a gold assay of one of the watch cases in question can be made for you by the assayer of this institution at a charge of \$5.00. This assay can be made without melting the entire case by clipping a sufficient amount of the metal from ~~the~~ case without destroying the manufacturer's name and stamp thereon.

If you desire to have this work done, please forward money order for the above amount with the case and your letter of instructions in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 27, 1933

Mr. C. Whittenburg,
Mission, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, requesting the return by freight of the thirty five bars of metal forwarded by you to this institution under date of February 9th, last, and have to advise that shipments by freight must be prepaid and it will be necessary for you to arrange with one of the transfer companies in Denver to call at the mint and get this metal and send it to you by prepaid freight. The following companies are suggested for your convenience in this matter:

Duffy Storage & Moving Company.
Kennicott-Patterson Warehouse Corporation.
Swift Storage & Moving Company.
Weicker Transfer & Storage Company.
All of Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 27, 1933

Mr. W. E. Mathews,
Cattman, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your notation on my letter to you of February 23rd and your second consignment weighing 76/100 of a troy ounce, you are advised that the total amount of gold now to your credit here is 1.84 troy ounces - two full troy ounces being the minimum accepted for purchase.

Unless you can send enough gold to bring your deposit up to two full troy ounces, I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these two lots to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 27, 1933

Mr. T. Willette,
120 Lewis Street,
North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that while this institution is somewhat loath to accept deposits of scrap leaf gold, such deposits are occasionally accepted when the material has been gathered with wax or wrapped in small packages, provided, the deposit will have a value of not under \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Should you forward your gold leaf here, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

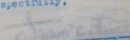
March 27, 1933

Mr. H. V. Lonsberg,
General Delivery,
Quartzite, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 22nd instant, you are advised that our stock of form to be used by depositors in making shipments to the Mint is entirely exhausted and it is indefinite when a new supply will be received. I would therefore suggest that you accompany your consignments with a letter of advice containing the necessary information.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

March 27, 1933

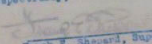
Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
32 Old Slip, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find bill of lading No. T-43022
covering the return to you this day by Railway Express Agency,
Inc., of the Tremnor Inverted Type Balance recently forwarded
by you to this institution.

This balance has been thoroughly repaired and all
metal parts have been refinished and gold plated. Included
with this shipment you will find a set of weights and riders
for use in connection with this balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

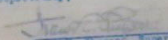
March 27, 1933

Mr. W. V. Bardon,
109 South Main St.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, stating you are forwarding a package of approximately 98 ounces of scrap gold and silver, you are advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 95.30 troy ounces and as this is considerably less than the weight stated by you, I have to request that you will advise me promptly of our weight needs with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

March 27, 1933

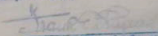
Mr. Frank W. Lundin,
Ishpeming Gold Mining Company,
National Mine, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that if your gold is native gold and will have a pure gold content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, it may be forwarded here in lots of less than \$100.00 in value - two full troy ounces of gold being the minimum accepted for purchase.

Kindly accompany your consignment with a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 20, 1923

Messrs. J. H. Anthony &
C. E. Tagg, Jr.,
1529 North Boston Place,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant having a total weight upon receipt here of 4.99 troy ounces, you are advised that deposits of manufactured gold, must have a minimum value of \$100.00, as well as a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Judging by the weight of your material, it does not appear that it will have much more than half of the required value as above stated and I would suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you until such time as you can forward enough to make a complete deposit at the Mint.

While the Mint does not specify any conditions as to how consignments shall be packed and forwarded here, you should, of course, see that your material is securely wrapped in order that none of it will be lost in transit and be shipped in such a manner that you will be reimbursed should it be lost. I would therefore suggest that you forward your consignments by prepaid express, insured parcel post, or registered mail.

Consignments consisting of manufactured gold articles of various classes need not be separated into different lots as they are all melted together into one bar when received at the Mint and the bar assayed to determine the pure gold content of the mass for which the depositor is paid at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce, less the customary charges of the Mint. As our treatment charge is based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the charges on deposits of high-grade gold are, of course, lower than on those which consist of low-grade material unless a generous amount of high-grade silver is included to reduce the proportion of the base metal content.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Ben. Marshall
Acting Superintendent

March 28, 1935

Miss Marie Becktern,
7101 Stanford Avenue,
University City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 24th addressed to "United States Assayer, Kansas City District," has been forwarded to this institution for attention and I have to reply as follows:

The Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the tray ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

A melting charge of one dollar is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. The Mint also imposes a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Consignments may be forwarded by prepaid express, insured parcel post or registered mail and must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Dean Munich*
Acting Superintendent

March 28, 1923

Mr. Charles S. Curtis,
Chief Chemist,
United States Customs Service,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date, I have replied to the letter enclosed therewith as follows, which will also give you information as to the conditions under which old gold is purchased by the Mint:

The Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

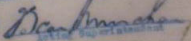
A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. The Mint also imposes a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 25¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Consignments may be forwarded by prepaid express, insured parcel post, or registered mail, and must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

March 28, 1933

Mr. Robert L. Barnes,
Clifton, Arizona. Box 915.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant stating you are forwarding 2 ounces and 1.45 grains of placer gold to this institution, I have to advise that this consignment has not yet reached me and I thought it proper to advise you to that effect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Brumby
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 26, 1933

Mr. E. J. Diamond,
215 McGowan Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the postscript on Mint Form 104b announcing the transmission by you to this institution of a deposit of gold, payment for which you desire by check to be forwarded by air mail special delivery, please be advised that checks may be issued only in the exact amount of the value of the deposit in which case I can not deduct therefrom the charges necessary to forward this check as requested by you. You will please send me the necessary postage to forward this check by air mail special delivery and your request can then be complied with.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Minichay
Acting Superintendent

March 29, 1933

Mr. H. O. Hartley,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

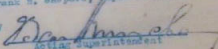
As requested in your note on my letter to you of the 21st instant, I have this day returned to you by third class mail the jewelry forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 3¢ of the 6¢ in stamps enclosed with your note for that purpose and returning herewith a 3¢-stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 26, 1933

Mr. Frank G. BonDurant,
Salida, Colorado. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

If the gold to which you refer in your postal card of the 27th instant consists of native gold, it may be forwarded here for purchase in lots as small as two full troy ounces of gold.

Deposits of old gold, however, are not accepted when they contain less than \$100.00 in value nor when they have a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

A letter of advice must accompany each consignment and when the material consists of mined gold, this letter must state the source from which it has been obtained, no other affidavit being necessary.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Minich
Acting Superintendent

March 28, 1933

Mr. M. Q. Willingham,
Sour Lake, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that this institution does not make assays of ores of any kind, nor of any metals other than gold and silver, for which our charges vary from \$2.00 to \$6.00.

If you have some ore that you desire to have assayed for various metals, I would suggest that you take the matter up with the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at the following charges for each sample:

Gold -	\$1.00	Copper -	\$2.00
Silver -	1.00	Zinc -	2.00
Lead -	1.50		

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Deakinich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1933

Mr. C. M. Bryan,
1450 Coolidge Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra melting charge of \$2.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. The Mint also imposes a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 6¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Kinich
Acting Superintendent

CR:7

March 25, 1933

Midwest Jewelry Company,
1222 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

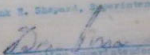
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment, with your name
indorsed, weighing upon receipt here 14.45 troy ounces and
have to advise that the regulations require that deposits
may not be entered for treatment until a letter of advice has
been received from the depositor. Kindly advise me promptly
regarding this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 22, 1903

Mr. H. E. Reenick,
102 South Market Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

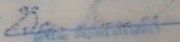
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant and accompanying remittance, the latter reaching upon receipt here \$2.87 very much, you are advised that deposits of this character are not accepted when the value is less than \$100.00. It is estimated that it will require about twice the amount you have forwarded to meet our requirement and your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CHS

March 23, 1933

Mr. Moe Holland,
128 East 3rd Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 25th instant consisting of 9.16 troy ounces of gold and 27.26 troy ounces of filled ware, you are advised that it will require about 10 ounces of high-grade silver to render this material acceptable for purchase owing to the large amount of base metal contained in your material.

I am holding your consignment without treatment until further advised by you regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CR:T

March 22 1932

Mr. John W. Hillier,
General Tailor,
124 Springs, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your assignment under date of the
22nd instant regarding 1.07 Troy ounces, you are advised that
2 full Troy ounces of gold is the very minimum accepted by the
Mint for purchase and upon receipt of the necessary receipt
and invoice your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Assistant

To

John W. Hillier
General Tailor

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March 23, 1925

Dr. F. L. Wilson,
Stuart, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your assignment under date of the 23rd instant, weighing upon receipt here \$5/100 of a troy ounce, you are advised that two troy ounces of freshly mined gold is the very minimum amount accepted for purchase, and gold having a value of at least \$100.00 when of manufactured articles is the least accepted of gold of that character. You are therefore requested to forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

March 23, 1935

Service Jewelers,
1915 1/2 Main Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your assignment under date of
the 26th instant which according to your various weights
should have a total weight of 80.00 grams, weight upon
receipt here 78.07 troy ounces. Please advise us if this
weight meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank T. [unclear], Supervisor

By

[Signature]

CR:7

March 29, 1938

Mrs. Meyers & Sons,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

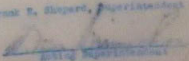
Referring to your letter of the 27th instant, forwarding industrial scrap weighing 86.20 tray ounces and one box labeled bench filing, sweeps, etc., you are advised that the Mint does not accept filings containing refuse and that the contents of this box are not suitable for addition to your industrial scrap and will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Please advise us if this will be satisfactory to you and upon receipt of your reply, if in the affirmative, your industrial scrap will be entered as a deposit for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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March 29, 1933

Mr. Bruce Cramer,
119 North 18th Street,
Clarinda, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

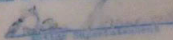
With reference to your consignment under date of the 24th instant weighing 62.77 troy ounces, you are advised that deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 as well as a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

As your consignment does not appear to approximate either the value or fineness required, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection, please be advised that when forwarding fillings to the Mint, all waste and refuse should be eliminated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 
Acting Superintendent

March 23, 1933

Mr. Glenn D. Wilson, Vice President,
First Security Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant forwarding postage for the return of the small button recently sent to the Mint for purchase, I have to advise that Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, states that he will purchase this button for \$12.00, return to be made direct to you.

If you desire the Mint to turn your button over to Mr. Blumrock for sale in that amount, as an accommodation to you, please send us the necessary authority for such action and the postage enclosed with your letter will be promptly returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. C. Marshall
Acting Superintendent

March 29, 1933

Mr. C. L. Wallin,
Merrill, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a \$5-stamp for the return of your German marks, in which you state you would like to realize the cash for the gold contained therein, I have to advise that while the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers, Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, offers to pay \$6.25 for these marks, returns to be made direct to you.

If you desire me to turn these marks over to Mr. Blumrock for purchase at the above price, please write me the necessary authority in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Deane H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1933

Mr. Orville Patton,
Soldier, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant and accompanying sample consisting of three pieces of dry clay, you are advised that the Mint does not make analyses of material of this kind but upon examination your material does not appear to contain any values in the precious metals.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your specimens will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. A. Brinck
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1933

Mr. Waldo G. Hedges,
Las Animas, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 27th instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. The Mint also imposes a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Minich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1933.

Mr. J. A. R. Cohn
Youngeville
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and have to advise that the broken bottle in which the 2.82 Troy ounces of gold filings forwarded by you to the Mint was enclosed bears the name of Foley & Co. and would practically fill this bottle and it would therefore be impossible for you to put $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of such filings in a bottle of that size.

This bottle was enclosed in the lower half of a match box which was doubled over to protect the bottle and wrapped in yellow paper corresponding to that on which you have written your letters. the outside wrapper bearing 30¢ in postage.

Your package was intact when received and I am unable to understand how it could have weighed 7 ounces when shipped by you. the weight of the bottle and its contents, together with wrappings weighing $4\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. This package bore registry number 18, from Youngeville, New Mexico.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your dust will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *John J. [Signature]*
Acting Superintendent.

March 30, 1933

Hauser-Miller,
113 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant relative to delay in receipt of payment for your consignment of the 16th instant, which was received here on the 18th instant, you are advised that this delay was due to the fact that it was necessary to remelt your material in order to obtain concordant assays. Check in payment, amounting to \$489.92, was mailed you on the 27th, however, and I have no doubt it is now in your hands.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 30, 1933

Mr. Robert W. Morris, Cashier
The First National Bank,
Florence, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your notation on my letter to you of the 24th instant relative to the small retort forwarded by you to this institution, I have to advise that while the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers, nor assume any responsibility for returns received on small consignments delivered to them at the request of the depositor, C. C. Patton, Canon City, Colorado, Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, and Charles Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both in this city, will purchase small lots of this kind and if you desire this retort forwarded to one of these dealers, it will be done upon written authority from you, the dealer to make returns direct to you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1933

Hausser-Miller,
112 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter of the 27th instant relative to condition under which the Mint will accept 1000 ounces of plated material, you are advised that the same conditions would apply as to all other deposits of industrial gold, namely, that there shall be present \$100.00 in value, and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If your plated ware will contain the required value in gold, I would suggest that you add at least one-fourth of the weight of the plated ware in sterling silver, and more if convenient, since our treatment charges are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

March 30, 1933

M. Henriksen Jewelry Company,
416 West Superior Street,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant, you are advised that your deposit was entered for treatment on the 22nd instant and check, in amount \$113.64, was mailed you on the 27th instant and I have no doubt you will receive same prior to the receipt of this letter.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1923

Mr. M. Holland,
128 East 3rd Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant with reference to your deposit received here on the 20th instant, I have to advise that check in amount \$151.28 was mailed you on the 28th instant and no doubt will be in your hands prior to the receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1935

The Security First Bank,
Covington, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that new coins are obtainable only from the Federal Reserve Bank or one of its branches and it will be necessary for you to make application to the nearest one of these banks in your vicinity.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 30, 1933

Mr. George L. Kyneth,
Moore Hotel Building,
Clarion, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, you are correct in your understanding that deposits of old gold must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least 20% of the weight of the deposit.

Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.T

March 30, 1933

Mr. Ray DuBois,
Briggsdale, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, I regret that the Mint can not purchase your 18-karat gold watch case as deposits of old gold must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

By stamp returned

March 30, 1933

Mr. Armand L. Friedlander,
304 Pannin Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise that your deposit upon receipt here weighs 17.34 troy ounces instead of 19.42 ounces according to the weights given in your letter. Owing to this discrepancy I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here meets with your approval before proceeding to treat this deposit which will have my prompt attention upon receipt of further information from you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

March 33, 1933

Mrs. Arthur Simon,
3033 College Avenue,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant and accompanying consignment weighing 97.57 troy ounces, 77.64 troy ounces of which consist of filled ware, you are advised that in order to offset the large amount of base metal contained in the filled ware, it will be necessary for you to forward not less than 80 ounces of sterling silver to render your deposit acceptable for purchase, it being necessary that in addition to the requirement that deposits contain \$100.00 in value, they shall also have one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

Your deposit is being held without treatment until further advised by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

March 30, 1933

Messrs. C. W. White & Son,
Outhrie, Oklahoma.

General Reserve Bank,
Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant and accompanying consignment, I regret to say that letter is not in suitable condition to be accepted as a deposit at the Mint, owing to the fact that its value is not believed to be \$100.00. Owing to the large amount of filled ware which you have included in this shipment, it will require not less than 20 ounces of sterling silver to effect the hard metal condition thereof. I would therefore suggest that if you can you forward the amount of silver stated and approximately 2 ounces more to insure it will be added to this lot then I believe it will comply with all the conditions required by the Mint for silver coins.

Sincerely,
F. W. Shepard, Superintendent

F. W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1923

Mr. John Westphal,
106 South Iowa Avenue,
Washington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and regret that your recent consignment to this institution has not been received by you.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have this day forwarded to the Postmaster at Denver requesting that he trace this package.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 30, 1933

The Postmaster,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to advise that on the 21st instant, I forwarded to Mr. John Westphal, 106 South Iowa Avenue, Washington, Iowa, a small package by insured parcel post, receipt No. 97715, and under date of the 27th instant, I have been advised by Mr. Westphal that this package had not been received by him. I therefore have to request that you will kindly institute a tracer for this package, the contents of which consisted of 3.20 troy ounces of old gold.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

March 30, 1933

Crescent Jewelry Company
418 - Pierce Street
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, you are advised that our stock of blank forms to be used in forwarding deposits to the Mint is entirely exhausted and it will be some time before a new supply will be received. I would therefore suggest that you accompany your consignments with a letter of advice, stating the approximate weight and character of your material, together with mode of payment desired.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:AM

DENVER MARCH 31, 1933

H. S. COULTER
HOT SPRINGS NEW MEXICO

CHECK PAYMENT YOUR DEPOSIT MAILED TWENTY NINTH
INSTANT.

Frank P. Richard
Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Hot Springs

March 31, 1933

Watt's Jewelry Store,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

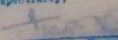
Answering your letter of the 28th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and which contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Filled and plated ware, as you know, contain but little gold and must be accompanied by sufficient good gold or high-grade silver to meet the above requirement as to value and fineness.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 31, 1933

Mr. Oscar Blumel,
C/o General Delivery,
Prescott, Arizona.

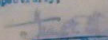
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. The Mint does not buy gold by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.,) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 6¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

If you will state in your letter of advice when forwarding your shipment to the Mint that you desire payment in currency, the same will be sent you by registered mail, care General Delivery, Prescott, Arizona, deduction being made therefrom for the necessary expense. If at any time you should desire payment by check, this could not be forwarded by registered mail unless you enclose the necessary postage as no deductions may be made from checks to cover transportation charges on such payments. Each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 31, 1933

Mata Swartz,
1128 Basy Street,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 10¢ for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8½¢ per gross ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:Y

March 31, 1935

Mr. H. J. Diamond
216 - McGowen Avenue
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to your request to have checks forwarded you by Special Delivery, Air Mail, in payment of your deposits forwarded under date of the 29th instant, please be advised that it will be necessary for you to send me the necessary postage for this purpose, the regulations prohibiting any deductions being made from the value of deposits when paid by check which must be issued for the full amount due.

Upon receipt of the proper amount of postage your requests will be gladly complied with.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:AM

April 1, 1933

Mrs. Orpha Spittler,
1308 Jefferson Street,
Hamburg, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to your request under date of March 27th, I have returned to you by insured mail the imitation gold grains forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 18¢ in stamp enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. Nathan Rosenberg,
922 Republic Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 13.77 troy ounces in lieu of approximately 16 ounces as stated by you. Owing to this discrepancy you are requested to advise me promptly if our weight meets with your approval.

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. C. E. Clesman,
General Delivery,
Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I would suggest that you correspond with the Hendrie & Holthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company and the Mine & Smelter Supply Company, both in this city, for information in connection with machinery for use in mining.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

April 1, 1935

Mr. W. L. Marriott,
Wheeler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that if the metal to which you refer can be identified as gold coins of the United States, this metal will be purchased from you at its bullion value. Should it prove to be other metal, however, it can not be purchased by the Mint unless it would have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of its weight.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1933

Lott Brothers Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
613 Louise Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 88 under date of the 28th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 28.46 troy ounces instead of 29½ ounces as stated by you, you are requested to advise us promptly -- ~~as the amount of the~~ the Mint needs with your approval.

Your consignment is being held without treatment pending further advice from you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. Theo. Dimin,
Weippe, Idaho. Box 88.

Dear Sir:

Recently I received from you a bottle containing some
fused metal which appears to be brass, weighing 9.88 troy
ounces and as this is not an acceptable deposit at the Mint,
you are requested -- ~~to return the bottle to me by registered mail~~ --
insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Mrs. L. Hersley,
1002 Remington Street,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that the material contained in the bottle is ~~not~~ *not* ~~the same as the one you ordered~~

Please advise me promptly if you desire this material returned to you and if so, please enclose the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. E. W. Grimes,
Payson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your second shipment for addition to your consignment under date of the 7th ultimo, you are advised that the two have a weight of only 1.62 troy ounces, and I am still unable to accept your material for purchase - the regulations prohibiting the acceptance of ~~any~~ mined gold having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. Frank E. Fitzsimons,
Ancho, Lincoln County,
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment to the Mint, payment for which you desire to have in currency, I have to advise that the regulations of the Mint require that a letter of advice must in all cases be received by us before deposits may be entered for treatment and the small slip as enclosed by you in this instance does not comply with the above regulations.

Should you forward any further deposits to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1923

Mrs. Mary E. Thorubrough,
Lakin, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that deposits of old gold are not accepted for purchase when they contain less than \$100.00 in value and as the articles described by you would no doubt fall very much below that value, I would suggest that you address us at one of the jewelry firms in your city.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1935

Mr. A. S. Sherman,
5947 Plymouth Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 27th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 20.05 troy ounces, has been received and I am in doubt that it will have the necessary value for purchase by the Mint - the regulations require that such deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase there must be present at least \$100.00 in value and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

To render your deposit acceptable for purchase, it is believed it will require the addition of gold having a value not under \$25.00 and your material is being held without treatment pending the receipt of further advice from you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. E. P. Stevens,
Assistant Cashier,
Jackson State Bank,
Jackson, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo,
I have returned to you the small amount of gold forwarded
by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 24¢ in stamps
enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	9¢
Registry fee	15¢

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

UW:7

April 1, 1933

Messrs. M. & M. Rosensman,
739 West Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your notation on my letter to
you of the 22nd ultimo, I have returned to you by express,
charges collect, the small bar of low-karat gold forwarded
by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that I could not do so immediately,
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. W. E. Allison,
1007 West 29th Street,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your notation on my letter to you of the 16th ultimo, I have returned to you by insured mail the industrial scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 36¢ of the 64¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and you herewith 18¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 1, 1933

Mr. Sam Montano,
2604 Minnesota Avenue,
Billings, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a value of at least \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Deposits of virgin gold are accepted in lots as small as two full troy ounce of gold.

Gold is not ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted} at the rate of \$20.00 per troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.00 per troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in case where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed for each 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per gross ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice, and in the case of new gold this letter should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. C. E. Anderson,
519 North Walts Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold which have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of not less than 75 percent of the weight of the deposit, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

As your gold watch case weighs not less than one ounce, it would not, of course, meet the above requirement, and I am therefore unable to accept it for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. Frank Cassner,
2633 Gravois Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for gold or by currency.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) in which case an additional melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction is imposed. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per gross ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

April 1, 1933

Mr. C. H. Schick,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured mail the fused metal
forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 18¢ of
the 45¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that pur-
pose and returning you herewith 27¢ in change to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 1, 1933

Mr. John Westphal,
106 South Iowa Avenue,
Washington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo advising me of the non-receipt of your small consignment to the Mint which was returned you on the 21st ultimo, I have to advise that this package was returned to the Mint yesterday owing to the fact that through some inadvertence it was incorrectly addressed. It was remailed to you yesterday and I trust it will reach you promptly.

Regretting the delay -- and receipt by you of this material and trusting it has not caused much inconvenience,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 1, 1933

Rosen Brothers,
522 East Douglas Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo forwarding 27.22 troy ounces of gold and 67.86 troy ounces of filled ware, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to forward from 20 to 25 ounces of sterling silver for addition to this material before it can be purchased by the Mint - the regulations requiring that deposits must have a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

Upon receipt of this silver your material will be combined and entered as a deposit at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1938

Mr. Ray DeHate,
C/o Mr. McGlochin,
Wolcott, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint does not accept deposits of gold gathered with mercury unless the latter has been driven off by retorting.

Deposits of mined gold are accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces of gold when accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 3, 1933

Mr. J. Lowenstein,
1236 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment at this institution consisting of bars and buttons of industrial scrap, weighing 20.40 troy ounces, you are advised that this material is being held without treatment pending the receipt of a letter of advice from you pertaining thereto. Please let us hear from you promptly regarding this shipment.

Very respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 3, 1933

Mr. Max Kasper,
5221 Lotus Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment to this institution consisting of industrial scrap weighing 18.60 troy ounces, you are advised that this material is being held without treatment pending the receipt of a letter of advice from you pertaining thereto. Kindly let me hear from you promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 3, 1933

Mr. Charles Harry,
General Delivery,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint is not accepting charges of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits are in an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction, is imposed. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 6¢ per gross ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material. It is not necessary to melt your material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 3, 1933

Mr. S. Bell,
5069 Delmar Boulevard,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, you are advised that your consignment of old gold and silver scrap was received here of the 27th ultimo and check in payment, in amount \$158.95, was mailed you on the 30th ultimo, and I have not doubt it is now in your hands.

Sincerely,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 3, 1933

Mr. Herman A. Schmidt,
124 West Main Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, you are advised that your understanding is correct that deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in the precious metals and at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

As our treatment charges are based upon the amount of base metal contained in deposits, I would suggest that you reduce the proportion of these metals as much as possible.

Kindly accompany any consignments you may forward here with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 3, 1933

Midwest Novelty Company,
1322 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name with a memo enclosed as to the contents of your package and have to advise that your material weighs upon receipt here 26.56 troy ounces, but under the regulations can not be entered for treatment until a letter of advice covering this shipment has been received. Upon receipt of such a letter, your material will be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 3, 1933

Busch Jewelry Company, Inc.,
213 - West State Street,
Rockford, Illinois.

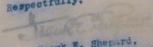
Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, your gold weighing 13.15 troy ounces, your filled ware 11.09 and the box of gold leaf scrapings 5.63 troy ounces, you are advised that these three lots are acceptable as one deposit but the gold leaf scrapings, could not be treated separately as separate returns made are only on lots which have the full status of a deposit, namely, a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to one-fifth of the weight of the lot.

If it will be satisfactory to you to combine these three lots in one deposit and receive one check in payment please advise me promptly.

In this connection, I have to advise that this consignment contained one brass nugget, weighing 24/100 of a troy ounce, which I would suggest be returned to you or be thrown away. If you desire its return, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:AM

April 3, 1933

Mr. Edwin Hart,
Leola,
So. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment of the 30th ultimo weighing 21.93 troy ounces and regret to advise that the Mint can not purchase this material from you as the regulations require that deposits of old gold have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Most of your material is of low-grade character and the value contained in the entire lot is apparently much under \$100. If you are unable to send several ounces of high-grade gold and some high-grade silver to be added to this lot, I would suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this shipment to you.

In this connection, please be advised that a letter of advice should be forwarded by mail covering each consignment forwarded to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sheperd,
Superintendent.

OH:AM

April 3, 1933

The Pattison - McGrath Company.
Kansas City,
Missouri.

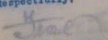
Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo and clarifying the paragraph mentioned by you, I have to advise that all deposits of industrial gold to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000, or one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Where such deposits are largely made up of filled or plated ware which contain a large amount of base metal, it is suggested when the gold content has the required value, that a generous amount of silver be included in order that the deposit will also have one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals.

Our treatment charges are based upon the amount of base metal contained in deposits and it is therefore to the advantage of depositors to reduce the proportion of such metal as much as possible. Trusting that this will make this matter clear to you.

I am,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

CH:AM

April 4, 1938

Mr. George Robinson, Treasurer,
Dunkin Gold Group, Inc.,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your advice under date of the 26th ultimo stating you are forwarding about $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of gold to this institution, I have to advise that to date this consignment has not been received by me and I thought it proper to bring that fact to your attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 4, 1933

Mr. C. B. Linton,
Grand Junction, Colorado. Route 2

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter and consignment under date of the 27th ultimo, the latter consisting of one watch case, including works, and two small pieces of dental scrap, I regret to say that Mint can not purchase this material from you as such deposits must have a value of at least \$100.00.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 4, 1933

Engle Brothers Exchange Bank,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Under date of the 29th ultimo I received from your bank one retort weighing 5.55 troy ounces but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto, which is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment. Upon receipt of such a letter your material will be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 4, 1933

Mr. E. B. Austin,
Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request under date of the 1st instant, I have returned to you by express, charges collect, the gold bar belonging to the Continental National National Bank, Ft. Worth, Texas, forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

April 4, 1933

Mr. Orville Patton,
Soldier, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant, I have returned to you by third class mail the three pieces of clay forwarded by you to this institution, using the 3¢ stamp enclosed with your former letter for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

April 4, 1933

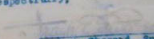
Mr. Bruce Cramer,
119 North 15th Street,
Clarinda, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 31st instant,
I have returned to you by express, charges collect, the old
gold, scraps and sweepings forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

April 4, 1923

Mr. W. L. Barnett,
Carrizosa, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured mail the 1.65 troy ounces
of gold described by you as having been mined at Jicorrilla,
New Mexico, by White Ellis, using 21¢ of the 45¢ in postage
enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning you
herewith 24¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

April 4, 1933

Dr. R. F. Coering,
400 Alworth Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.55 troy ounces, please be advised that gold of this character is not accepted by the Mint if the value is under \$100.00 and upon the receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your button will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 5, 1933

Mr. L. D. Neuwirth,
222 Wilam Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter forwarded to Ben Streusand under date of March 24th relative to deposits received from him under date of March 20th and 21st which is self-explanatory and to which no reply has been received by me to date. Since writing this letter, a third deposit has been received from him under date of March 29th.

As payment for these deposits has been requested for your account, I am calling your attention to the subject matter of my letter to Ben Streusand under date of March 24th and have to request that you will have Mr. Streusand issue proper instructions in accordance therewith regarding the manner of making payment for these deposits - it appearing that my letter has not been received by him.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

April 5, 1933

Mr. L. E. Clough,
Grangeville, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date relative to your recent consignment to this institution, you are advised that all packages received at the Mint are carefully examined to see that they have not been damaged in transit and that no seals thereon are broken. -- evidence that it had been tampered with was noted in the case of your package, nor was it weighed before being opened - the practice being to weigh the contents of the package afterward.

If in your letter of advice you had indicated the weight of your material and upon receipt here its weight did not agree therewith, you would have been promptly notified of such discrepancy.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 5, 1933

Boss-Tacony Crucible Company,
Tacony, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant relative to proposals recently opened for certain graphite articles needed at this institution and have to advise that the proposal of the Chicago-Haughatuck Crucible Company was accepted for the ~~200~~ standard Crucibles at \$120.00 and the 300 - 2-inch Special Stirrers at \$75. The bid of the Joseph Dixon Company was accepted for the 300 - No. 100 Crucible Covers at \$400. The following is a synopsis of all bids received.

	<u>Bartley</u> <u>Cru.Co.</u>	<u>Chicago</u> <u>Haughatuck</u>	<u>Dixon</u> <u>Cru.Co.</u>	<u>Boss</u> <u>Tacony</u>	<u>Vesuvius</u> <u>Cru.Co.</u>
200 No. 100 Cru. Covers	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
50 " 20 Std. Cras.	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
300 " Sps. Stirrers	75.00	75.00	105.00	105.00	105.00

I beg to thank you for having submitted a bid to furnish the above articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 5, 1933

Mrs. Leola Barrie,
729 First Avenue, S. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your recent consignment at this institution, consisting of 43.30 troy ounces of gold and filled ware and approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ troy ounces of gold leaf, you are advised that while it appears that your material will contain a value of \$100.00, the large amount of base metal contained in your gold and filled ware will render your deposit unacceptable for purchase, the Mint requiring that deposits must contain not less than one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

If you can send ten or more ounces of sterling silver to add to this consignment, it is believed this will be sufficient to give your material the required fineness and in future when forwarding plated or filled material to the Mint which apparently contains the necessary value, I would suggest that you include at least one-fourth of the weight of such material in high-grade silver to offset the base metal contained therein.

Your deposit is being held without treatment pending further advice from you regarding the silver above mentioned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

April 5, 1933

Mr. Henry Halsey,
Tiapas, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 1st instant, please be advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing rock or sands, an examination of your two specimens does not indicate that they contain any values in the precious metals.

These samples will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance which you are requested to forward at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 5, 1933

Miss Camille Di Re,
270 South Exchange Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and am returning herewith the dime and 3¢ stamp enclosed therewith and have to advise that applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. as per instructions in the enclosed circular.

Answering your inquiry as to the charge for a "proof" coin, you are advised that the Mints no longer manufacture coins of that kind.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

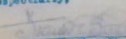
April 5, 1933

Frank Hyde Jewelry Company,
125 North Phillips Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the 14-karat solid gold watch case included in your recent deposit at this institution, and regret to say that your material was melted on the 1st instant which makes it impossible for me to comply with your request to return this case to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CS:7

April 5, 1933

HAKAM'S
27 East 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your postal card of the 3rd instant,
please be advised that check in payment of your deposit re-
ceived at this institution on the 26th ultimo was mailed
you on the 3rd instant, in amount \$214.60 and I have no
doubt it has now been received by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

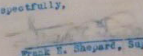
April 5, 1933

Mr. J. A. Michaelson,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 30th ultimo received here on the 3rd instant, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to send about 15 ounces of high-grade silver to offset the excessive amount of base metal contained in your deposit - the regulations of the Mint requiring that in addition to the necessity that deposits contain \$100.00 in value, they shall also contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Upon receipt of this silver, your deposit will be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 5, 1923

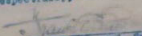
Mr. A. J. Robb,
Bunceton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your postal card of recent date and to the two pieces of rock forwarded here by you, you are advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of material of this kind, it appears that these samples are iron sulphide and of no value.

If you desire these samples returned to you, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance promptly, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 5, 1933

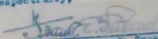
MEYER'S
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Attention: Mr. Robert A. Meyer

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 30th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured mail the bench fillings
and sweeps recently forwarded by you to this Mint for pur-
chase, using 27¢ of the 51¢ in postage enclosed with your
letter for that purpose and returning herewith 24¢ in stamps
to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

April 5, 1933

Mr. C. J. Singer, Manager,
Oriental Specialty Corporation,
121 North Church Street,
Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

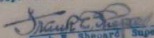
Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.), in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 6½¢ per gross ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1933

Mr. Moe Holland,
128 East 3rd Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry on my letter to you of March 29th as to how much gold filled jewelry is required to every ounce of solid gold, you are advised that there are no requirements of this kind. The Mint, however, does require that deposits containing much gold filled ware shall be accompanied by enough high-grade silver to give the deposit a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the material, as well as a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully.

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

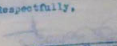
April 6, 1933

Mr. W. L. Marriott,
Wheeler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and consignment under date of the 3rd instant have been received and I regret to have to advise you that your metal, weighing 4.85 troy ounces, appears to be brass granulations and therefore not acceptable for purchase by the Mint. Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, this metal will be returned ---

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1933

Mr. James T. Baier,
Lock Box 152,
Stites, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 3rd instant, I regret to say that the Mint could not purchase your watch case as articles of old gold are not accepted as a deposit at the Mint unless they contain a value not under \$100.00. As your watch case would not, of course, even approximate that value, I would suggest that you endeavor to dispose of it to one of the jewelry firms in your city.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 6, 1933

Mrs. M. Pearl,
2408 South Harvey Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

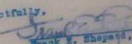
Dear Madam:

Answering your postal card of the 4th instant, you are advised that while the Mint will purchase old gold when such deposits have a value of \$100.00 in pure gold and contain not less than one fifth of their weight in pure gold or pure gold and silver, it does not undertake to instruct persons in what way they should gather such gold, nor what prices they should pay for the gold they contemplate purchasing for resale to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting deposits containing 1000 ounces, or fraction thereof, and a treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained in the material - these charges varying from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1933

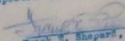
Mrs. Rose Smith,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 3rd instant, you are advised that there are two conditions which must be complied with before deposits of any character may be accepted by the Mint for purchase, namely, that there shall be present a value of at least \$100.00 in the precious metals, and that the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content shall not fall below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Consignments consisting of gold filled and plated ware, in order to comply with the last named condition, should include from one-fourth to one-third of their weight in sterling silver owing to the large amount of base metal contained in such articles.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1933

The Jenkins-McKay Hardware Company
Central City
Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, relative to your shipment of one sack containing gold retorts, I note you state the 3rd lot, consisting of small lots purchased by you from placer miners, should weigh 22 ozs. 16 dw. and 6 grains. Upon receipt here these small lots weigh 12.20 Troy ounces, while on the small tag attached thereto their weight is given as 12 ozs. & a. 17 gr.

I am withholding treatment of this third item in your letter as the result of this discrepancy and have to request that you will promptly advise me if the mint weight of 12.20 Troy ounces is satisfactory to you. The weight of the first and second lots check satisfactorily.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:AM

April 6, 1933

Mr. W. H. O'Dell,
504 Columbia Boulevard,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the United States Mint, Leadville, Colorado, has been referred to this institution and I have to advise that you have evidently been misinformed regarding an assay having been made by this Mint for the Alton, West Virginia Mineral Company or A. D. T. Pringle, Alton, West Virginia - the Mint not making assays of any mineral bearing samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 6, 1933

Mr. O. W. Keller,
717 East 7th Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that while the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers or assayers, it is suggested that J. W. Richard & Son, 1118 - 12th Street, or Charles Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, would undoubtedly make the desired assays for you.

Regarding your request to be referred to some one who would take a financial interest in your enterprise, I have to advise that I am unable to give you any information pertaining thereto.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

W.H.T

April 6, 1933

Mr. W. W. Frank,
Melbourne Hotel,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, I have to advise that your deposit was received here on March 28th and check in payment forwarded you on the 3rd instant, a few days' delay having occurred owing to the fact that all deposits received subsequent to March 27th were entered as of April 1st - our deposits for March having closed on the former date.

Trusting this check has now been received by you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1933

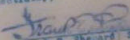
Mr. John Berkowitz,
206 Murdock Building,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering the second paragraph of your letter of advice accompanying your consignment under date of the 1st instant, you are advised that there are two conditions which must be complied with before deposits of any character may be accepted by the Mint for purchase, namely, that there shall be present a value of at least \$100.00 in the precious metals, and that the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content shall not fall below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Consignments consisting of gold filled and plated ware, in order to comply with the last named condition, should include from one-fourth to one-third of their weight in sterling silver, owing to the large amount of base metal contained in such articles.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 7, 1933

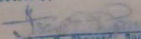
The Newfield Jewelry Company,
209 South Main Street,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that there are two conditions which must be complied with before deposits of any character will be accepted by the Mint for purchase, namely, that there shall be present at least \$100.00 in value in the precious metals, and that the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content shall not fall below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Consignments consisting of filled and plated ware in order to comply with the last named condition, should include from one-fourth to one-third of their weight in sterling silver, owing to the large amount of base metal contained in such articles.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:V

April 7, 1933

Mr. H. J. Diamond,
218 McGowan Avenue,
Houston, Texas.

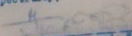
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, I am enclosing Treasury Department circular, No. 1, dated January 1, 1933, which will give you the values of foreign monetary units in terms of United States money, this being the only information I can supply you on this subject.

The gold coins of the United States have a fineness in pure gold of 900 assay parts out of a possible 1000, or a karat fineness of a little over 21.

I am unable to give you any information as to how you could exchange foreign silver coins for more than their bullion value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

April 7, 1933

Mr. George Gomez,
500 Levee Street,
Brownsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not accept deposits of old gold having a value under \$100.00, nor where the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content is less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, both requirements being necessary in all deposits accepted.

Payment is usually made from three to five days after the receipt of the deposit at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 7, 1933

Mr. George V. Whittle,
L.C. Smith Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, the following table will give you the gold receipts at this institution from Summit County, Colorado, during the five years beginning 1928. I have also included the silver fine ounces in this statement.

	<u>Gold Fine Ounces</u>	<u>Silver Fine Ounces</u>
1928	3,029.358	975.24
1929	1,862.171	481.55
1930	6,828.952	1,779.75
1931	901.173	326.66
1932	<u>1,464.781</u>	<u>531.22</u>
Total	14,106.435	4,024.83

Referring to your request to be advised as to the number of ounces and value of gold mined by the Tiger Mines Company in Summit County, Colorado, please be advised that the Mint does not divulge such information except upon written authority of the depositor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 7, 1933

Mr. Paul E. Shafer,
Oelwein, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

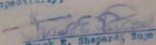
Answering your inquiry of the 4th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

The Mint does not purchase gold by the karat but on the bases of the troy ounce, paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver. Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces is imposed. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

April 7, 1933

Mrs. Lena M. Hill,
1408 Franklin Avenue,
Litchfield, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Filled and plated ware contain very little gold and must be accompanied by sufficient high grade gold and sterling silver to give the deposit the required value and fineness as above stated.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver. Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.,) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 100 ounces, or fraction. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 7, 1933

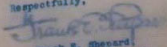
The Myers Company
Hatch
New Mexico.

Attention: Mr. Hammel

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant and accompanying three bottles of placer gold weighing respectively 7.87 troy ounces and 35/100 and 12/100 of a troy ounce, I have to advise that the placer gold in the small bottle weighing 35/100 of a troy ounce appears to contain more silver than the gold contained in the large bottle and in the gold of the other small bottle, and the gold contained in the last named bottle weighing 12/100 of a troy ounce while possibly of better grade is not likely of as high quality as the gold in the large bottle. No definite determination of the values contained in your two small bottles could be furnished you without separately melting and assaying each which could not be done as the contents of the small bottles contain less than the minimum deposit. I think it is safe to say however, that neither one of these small lots would have the value per ounce of the gold contained in the large bottle.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:AM

April 7, 1933

Mr. M. B. Hansen
2414 - No. Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Answering your postcard you are advised that the Mint
does not deal in old coins and medals, hence I am unable to
send you any printed matter pertaining thereto.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:AM

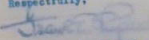
April 7, 1933

Mrs. Leona Burris
729 - First Avenue, S. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

As requested in your telegram of this date,
I have this day forwarded you by express, collect, your
recent deposit at this institution and which could not
be accepted for purchase owing to the excessive base
metal content.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:AM

April 8, 1933

Mr. H. E. Newfield,
209 South Main Street,
Ottawa, Kansas.

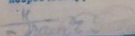
Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 1st instant consisting of industrial scrap, weighing upon receipt here 72.20 troy ounces, I regret to advise you that after melting and assaying this material its base metal content has been found to be considerably in excess of the maximum which deposits may have in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. Under which conditions, the regulations require that your deposit be rejected and our melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward me at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this bar as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send not less than 10 ounces of sterling silver to lower the proportion of base metal in your material, and as our treatment charges are based upon the base metal content of deposits, these charges would be lowered according to any additional silver you may care to send to be included in this deposit.

Before any action may be taken, however, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 8, 1933

Vesuvius Crucible Company,
Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your recent proposal to furnish certain graphite articles needed at this institution, I thought you might be interested in knowing to whom the award was made, and have to advise that the proposal of the Chicago-Haughatuck Crucible Company was accepted for the 50 No.20 Standard Crucibles at \$120.00 and the 300 9-inch Special Stirrers at \$75. The bid of the Joseph Dixon Company was accepted for the 200 No.100 Crucible Covers at \$400. The following is a synopsis of all bids received:

	<u>Bartley</u> <u>Cruc.Co</u>	<u>Chicago-</u> <u>Haughatuck</u>	<u>Dixon</u> <u>Cruc.Co</u>	<u>Ross</u> <u>Factory</u>	<u>Vesuvius</u> <u>Cruc.Co.</u>
200 No.100 Cruc.Covers	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
50 " 20 Std. Cruc.	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
300 Spe. Stirrers	75.00	75.00	105.00	105.00	105.00

I beg to thank you for having submitted a bid to furnish the above articles.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 6, 1933

Bartley Crucible and Refractories Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant relative to proposals recently opened for certain graphite articles needed at this institution and have to advise that the proposal of the Chicago-Haughtuck Crucible Company was accepted for the 50 No.20 Standard Crucibles at \$120.00 and the 300 - 9-inch Special Stirrers at \$75. The bid of the Joseph Dixon Company was accepted for the 200 - No.100 Crucible Covers at \$400. The following is a synopsis of all bids received:

	<u>Bartley</u> <u>Cru.Co.</u>	<u>Chicago-</u> <u>Haughtuck</u>	<u>Dixon</u> <u>Cru.Co.</u>	<u>Boss</u> <u>Tacony</u>	<u>Veevius</u> <u>Cru. Co</u>
200 No.100 Cruc.Covers	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
50 " 20 Std.Cruc.	120.00	120.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
300 Spe. Stirrers	75.00	75.00	105.00	105.00	105.00

I beg to thank you for having submitted a bid to furnish the above articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 8, 1933

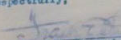
Mr. E. Sturges,
8630 - 98th Street,
Woodhaven, Long Island, New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant with enclosures as stated and in reply have to advise that applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

The 12 pennies and six-cent stamp enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

Enclosures

April 8, 1933

Mr. James Heerspink,
148 West 16th Street,
Holland, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver. Payment is usually made within three to five days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.,) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 per 100 ounces, or fraction, is imposed. The Mint also imposes a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce, according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Consignments may be forwarded by prepaid express, insured parcel post, or registered mail and must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 8, 1933

A. Quint & Company,
5 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant forwarding money order for \$3.00 to cover a gold assay of the 14-karat gold watch case, your memorandum No. 6311, please be advised that in quoting the above price to you it was not understood that the assay desired by you would be of white gold, an assay of which is \$4.00 instead of \$3.00, as you will note from our table of charges herewith enclosed.

It will therefore be necessary for you to send me an additional dollar to cover the charge of the desired assay and also 15¢ in postage if you desire the return of your watch case to you by registered mail.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 8, 1933

Mr. John Collins,
3106 Jackson Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 5th instant, you are advised that the Mint accepts deposits of old gold for purchase which have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Plated and filled ware contain very little gold and must be accompanied by sufficient high-grade gold and sterling silver to meet the above requirements as to value and fineness.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys (nickel, etc.,) in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction, is imposed. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce according to the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

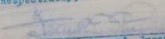
April 10, 1933

Mr. George F. Barbour,
Barbour Leather Company,
265 Verdin Place,
Los Angeles, California,

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you are
advised that the Mint does not sell fiber scraps.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1923

Mr. A. E. Goube,
Weatherford, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, you are advised that it is not necessary to put your gold through any process before forwarding it to the Mint for purchase. If your consignments contain a value of \$100.00 in pure gold and a fineness in pure gold and silver of one-fifth of their weight they will be accepted for purchase. Each consignment, however, must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully.


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1933

Frisco Loan Office,
1237 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your card inclosed weighing upon receipt here 14.72 troy ounces and have to advise that the regulations require that before deposits may be entered for treatment a letter of advice pertaining thereto must be received by the Mint. Upon receipt of such a letter from you covering your shipment, your material will be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1933

Mr. H. P. Dodd, Assistant Cashier,
American National Bank,
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the small button forwarded with your letter of the 3rd instant, weighing 1.67 troy ounces, I regret to say that I can not purchase this small amount of gold from you as two full troy ounces is the very least the regulations permit me to accept as a deposit.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1933

Mrs. Marie Rechten,
7101 Stanford Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and accompanying consignment weighing 11.55 troy ounces, and regret to say that this material can not be purchased from you as the regulations prohibit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100.00, your material apparently containing much less than that amount.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your jewelry and dental scrap will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1933

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your four consignments under date of the 7th instant, I have to state that the following is a list of the lot numbers, weight as received at the Mint and weight stated by you:

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Mint Weight</u>	<u>Your Weight</u>
330	58.78	61.20
331	72.75	72.00
332	66.69	67.00
333	286.65	282.60

As Lots Nos. 331 and 332 are fairly in agreement, I have proceeded to treat these two lots and am holding Lots 330 and 333 without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weights thereof as above indicated meet with your approval.

Regarding your request for some blank forms 104b to be used in transmitting deposits to the Mint, please be advised that our stock of these forms is entirely exhausted and it will some time before a new supply will be received. In the meantime, kindly convey the necessary information in a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 10, 1933

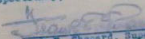
Mr. Sam Stieben,
Hoisington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing samples but an examination of the rock forwarded by you does not indicate that there are any values contained therein, it being a specimen of iron sulphide and of no value whatever.

If you desire this sample returned to you, please forward the necessary postage promptly, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:M

April 10, 1933

Mr. C. E. Gish,
Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment No. 1, under date of the 8th instant and your notation on Form 104b, "Kindly send duplicate receipt", I have to advise that no receipts are issued for deposits received by mail or express. If you desire a duplicate copy of the memorandum of returns, this could be furnished you. Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

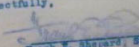
April 10, 1933

Mr. H. D. Leonard, Cashier,
Carbonate American National Bank,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in which you state you are forwarding by express one sack containing about five ounces of gold metallics, please be advised that upon receipt here your gold metallics weigh 4.42 troy ounces and as this is considerably less than the approximate weight given by you, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight of this material as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1933

Mr. Newton A. Martin,
General Delivery,
San Antonio, Texas.

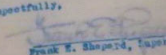
Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant, weighing upon receipt here 5.60 troy ounces, I have to advise that as this metal does not appear to have a value even approximating \$100.00, which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase, I can not accept same as a deposit and it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection, I have to advise that it is not necessary for you to treat your gold before forwarding it to the Mint - it being necessary only that your consignment contains a value not under \$100.00 and also that it contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. Where any doubt exists as to the latter condition, enough high-grade silver should be added in order that this proportion of the precious metals will be present.

In view of the fact that our treatment charges are based on the proportion of base metals contained in deposits, the lower you can reduce the base metal content, the more you will reduce the treatment charges on your deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

April 10, 1933

Mr. Charles A. Clarke,
Keystone, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of the 8th instant I received a package of natural grains bearing your name on the wrapper, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto which is necessary in all cases before deposit may be entered for treatment. Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1933

Messrs. M. & M. Rosenman,
739 West Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, I have
to advise that check in payment of your deposit therein men-
tioned and of which treatment was delayed awaiting advice from
you, was mailed you on the 6th instant and I have no doubt
will have been received by you upon receipt of this letter.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

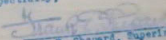
April 10, 1933

Mr. E. C. Dixon,
Wagoner, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Under date of the 5th instant I received a package of bullion bearing your name on the wrapper, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto which is necessary in all cases before deposits may be entered for treatment. Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1933

Mr. Henry Halsey,
Timpan, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant and accompanying sample of rock, you are advised that while the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing ores, your rock does not appear to be mineralized in any respect nor contain any gold or silver.

Kindly advise me promptly if you desire this sample returned you and if so, please forward the necessary postage for that purpose, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1933

Mr. T. E. Huggins,
Gulf Hammock, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise that the \$20 gold piece referred to in the article quoted by you is evidently a private coin made by Clark, Gruber & Company in this city before the establishment of the United States Mint at Denver; the production of gold coins in the west of a private character ranging in value from \$2.50 to \$50 was very extensive and was carried on by a large number of mining companies, assayers and banking establishments.

The first coins struck at the United States Mint at Denver bear the date of 1906 and all coins of this Mint's production bear the Mint mark "D", the other Mint marks being "S" for San Francisco, "CC" for Carson City and "O" for New Orleans - the Mint at Philadelphia, being the original Mint, having no Mint mark.

If the coin in your possession bears no Mint mark, it was made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1933

Mr. G. L. Cole,
R. R. No. 9,
Rockford, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Cole:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and under separate cover have received your small consignment of gold, the two packages weighing 81/100 and 58/100 of a troy ounce, and regret to advise you that the regulations of the Mint do not permit me to accept deposits as small as this owing to the fact that the minimum value has been placed at \$100.

I am very glad, however, to do what I can to assist you in disposing of this gold, and while it is not always a safe practice to recommend an outside dealer, our transactions with Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, this city, have usually been satisfactory when small deposits which the Mint could not accept have been turned over to him for purchase.

I have accordingly turned your material over to Mr. Blaurock in accordance with your request with instructions to make returns direct to you.

I am glad to hear from you again and send you my kindest regards.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

April 11, 1933

Mr. W. W. Grimes,
Payson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and accompanying consignment weighing 28/100 of a troy ounce, giving your three consignments a total weight of 2.10 troy ounces.

All packages received from you have been received intact and bore no evidence of having been tampered with in the mail. The scales upon which you have weighed your gold must have been out of order.

If the weight of 2.10 troy ounces is satisfactory to you, I will proceed to treat this material and if not, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. I will await your advice before taking further action in this matter and you are requested to advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. SUSPENSE, Superintendent

April 11, 1933

Dr. Ray E. Geering,
400 Alworth Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 7th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the button of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for ~~analysis~~ using the 12¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

April 11, 1933

Mr. Theo Birria,
Weippe, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 7th instant,
I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the
material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
23¢ of the 50¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning herewith 28¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 11, 1923

Mr. J. A. R. Cohn,
Tomagsville, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 4th instant,
I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the ma-
terial forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 24¢
of the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that pur-
pose and retaining herewith 6¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 11, 1933

Dr. Frederick Borchers,
412 1/2 Fourth Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter of the 6th instant requesting to be advised if the package therein mentioned does not arrive at the Mint by Saturday (the 8th), I have to advise that your consignment was received here on Monday, the 10th, weighing 36.51 troy ounces, and has been entered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

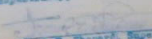
April 11, 1933

Hisco Gold Refinery,
201 City National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 9th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here your king weighs 90.91 troy ounces instead of 96 ounces as stated in your letter. Owing to this discrepancy in weight your bullion is being held without treatment and you are requested to advise us promptly if the weight as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1933

First Security Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Attention: Mr. Glenn B. Wilson
Vice President

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, we have turned over to Mr. Blumrock the small amount of gold mentioned therein with request that he make return direct to you.

We are glad to be of service to you in this matter and there is no charge. The \$2.40 in postage enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 11, 1933

Mr. W. L. Damon,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your shipment under date of the 6th instant, you are advised that upon receipt here your buttons and grains weigh 3.78 troy ounces in lieu of 3.98 ounces as stated in your letter of advice.

As your weights are usually approximately correct, I am withholding treatment of this gold and have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

April 11, 1933

Mr. Morris Goffman,
1708 Broadway,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the request in your letter of the 8th instant for a letter of recommendation or order that it would enable you to cash the Mint checks at the bank, I have to advise that it will be impossible for me to write you a letter that would be of any assistance to you in the matter, as it would still remain necessary for you to be identified at the bank as the person to whom the letter and check were issued.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1923

Mr. Martin A. Larson,
General Delivery,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering the questions contained in your letter of the 7th instant, you are advised that you may include in your deposits of scrap gold as much sterling silver as you desire. Silver is not accepted when an appreciable amount of gold is not included therewith.

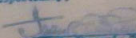
When consignments consist largely of filled gold, sterling silver in the proportion of one-fourth of the weight of such gold should be included as filled ware contains considerable base metal and the silver is needed to give the deposit a precious metal content of pure gold and silver of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, thus fulfilling the two requirements to make deposits acceptable for purchase, namely, that they shall have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of their weight.

When a deposit is rejected it is returned to the depositor at his expense upon payment of such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 11, 1933

Mr. E. A. Flint,
Malad City, Idaho. Box 462

Dear Sir:

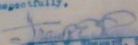
Answering your letter of the 7th instant, you are advised that there are two conditions which must be complied with before deposits of old gold will be accepted for purchase by the Mint, namely, that there shall be present a value of at least \$100.00 in the precious metals, and that the pure gold or pure gold and silver content shall not fall below one fifth of the weight of the deposit. Consignments consisting of gold filled or plated ware, in order to comply with the last named condition, should include from one-fourth to one-third of their weight in sterling silver, owing to the large amount of base metals contained in such articles.

Gold is not purchased by the karat but on the basis of the troy ounce, the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and approximately the New York market price for silver.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, except in cases where deposits contain an appreciable amount of white gold alloys, nickel, etc., in which case an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction is imposed. There is also a treatment charge which varies from 1¢ to 5¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1933

Mr. Edwin Hart,
Lewis, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 7th instant,
I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the
material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
24¢ of the 27¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose
and returning herewith a three-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

April 11, 1933

Mr. F. R. Drake,
1220 West Maple Street,
Enid, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to state that it is not necessary for you to separate the different classes of your gold into lots as upon receipt here one melt will be made of the various articles comprising the deposit and you will be paid for the gold content of the mass. You should be sure, however, that your consignment will have a value of at least \$100.00 and that it will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

Good dental gold should average about 18 karats, but owing to the fact that there is a wide variation in such material, it is impossible to give even an approximate karat fineness as a guide in judging it.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1933

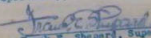
Mr. John M. Million,
Cresce, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request on my letter to you of March 29th, I have today returned to you by third-class insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution under date of March 24th, using 13¢ of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 12¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 11, 1935

Mrs. J. E. Waring,
486 D Street,
Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

As requested in your letter of the 5th instant, I have today returned to you by insured third-class mail the small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this institution some time ago, using 8¢ of the 9¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose, and returning herewith a one-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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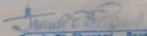
April 11, 1933

Mr. J. A. Michaelson,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 6th instant, I have returned you this day by Railway Express Agency, charges collect, the 53.46 troy ounces of filled ware forming a part of your recent consignment to this institution and which could not be included therewith owing to the excessive amount of base metal contained in this filled ware and your inability to send the necessary silver to reduce same to the proper limit.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1933

J. W. Crowder & Son,
1318 Pearl Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, weighing upon receipt here 21.29 troy ounces, I have to advise that while your material appears to have a value very close to \$100.00, which is the minimum accepted, I would suggest that you send ten or fifteen dollars more in good gold in order that your deposit will not fall below the required value. Any additional gold which you may have could be included if you so desire. Kindly forward this additional gold at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 12, 1933

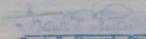
Mr. Tom C. Apker,
4236 Broadway,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry as to furnishing certain uncirculated coins of this institution, please be advised that application for such coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

I am returning herewith your stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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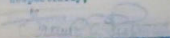
April 12, 1933

Dr. J. A. Baumbert,
1009 Mills Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment weighing 8.58 troy ounces with your card enclosed and have to advise that the regulations require the receipt by me of a letter of advice covering each consignment at the Mint before same may be entered on our books for treatment. Upon receipt of such a letter from you, I will proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1933

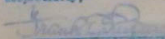
The Hayman Company,
26 Pike's Peak Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of 8.03 troy ounces of industrial scrap, I have to advise that while the value of this material is apparently very close to \$100.00, which is the minimum accepted for purchase, I would suggest that you send one ounce or more of similar material in order that your deposit will have the required value - your express valuation, I note, being \$80.00.

In this connection, please be advised that before deposits may be entered for treatment a letter of advice must be received by me.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

April 12, 1933

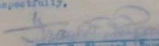
Dr. V. E. Dandoy,
Altus, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter and consignment under date of the 6th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 3.28 troy ounces, I have to advise that deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in order to be acceptable at the Mint for purchase.

I believe it will require approximately four ounces more of similar material to render your consignment acceptable for purchase. If it is not convenient for you to forward this additional material, your two buttons will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1933

Mr. Gordon Wedlake,
Central City, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your shipment under date of the 7th instant, consisting of industrial scrap weighing 10.16 troy ounces, I have to advise that deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint and it is believed that your material will require the addition of good gold having value of not under \$25.00 in order to render it acceptable for purchase.

If it is not convenient for you to forward this additional gold, your consignment will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1933

Mr. H. I. McCoy,
4335 Lindell Boulevard,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment bearing your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment, which is necessary before deposits receive consideration.

I have to state, however, that your consignment can not be accepted owing to the fact that it does not contain a value of \$100.00, which such material must possess, as well as a pure gold, or pure gold and silver fineness equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your industrial scrap, weighing 4.12 troy ounces, will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1933

Mr. C. H. Stevens,
Northville, South Dakota.

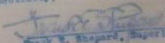
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment bearing your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment which is necessary before deposits receive consideration.

I have to state, however, that your consignment can not be accepted owing to the fact that it does not contain a value of \$100.00, which such material must possess, as well as a pure gold, or pure gold and silver fineness equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your dental and jewelry scrap, weighing one troy ounce, will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

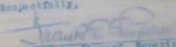
Mr. J. W. Hardison,
Westwater, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant and accompanying consignment of two bottles of gold amalgam, you are advised that it is contrary to the regulations to accept mercurial deposits where they have not been retorted and all mercury driven off.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance these bottles and contents will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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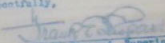
April 12, 1933

Mr. C. H. Moran,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received a small consignment bearing your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto, which is necessary in all cases before deposits may be entered for treatment. Upon receipt of such a letter from you, your deposit will have my attention.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

April 12, 1933

Mr. Henry Anderson,
921 Third Avenue, South,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I am enclosing a pamphlet which will give you all the information available at this institution regarding commemorative coins which have been issued by the Mint. You will also find therein information relative to the "mint marks" of the various Mints.

Answering your inquiry regarding the 25¢ piece known as the Washington quarter, you are advised that although this coin was issued to celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington, it is not a commemorative or memorial coin in the sense that other such coins are, since it will be issued hereafter in lieu of the quarter dollar previously issued. This new design was coined in 1932 at all of the three Mints now in operation. No commemorative or memorial coins have been struck at this Mint.

Respectfully,


Fred S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
By stamp returned

April 12, 1933

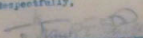
Mr. C. E. Gillespie,
Hayden Lake Mining & Milling Company,
Rathdrum, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant and accompanying samples of rock, I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of any kind of mineral bearing rock or sand and I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, which can make gold and silver determinations for you at \$1.00 each, for each sample - money order for the proper amount to be forwarded with your samples, payable to the Assayer, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Please advise me promptly if you desire the return of the seven pieces of rock which you have forwarded here, and if so, enclose the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1933

Taylor Brothers,
Laredo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant forwarding a 1.25 troy ounce sample of silver bullion for test, etc., I have to advise that the Mint imposes a charge of \$4.00 for an assay of gold and silver bullion (same sample), when free from any of the platinum group metals, and an extra charge of \$1.00 for each assay is imposed if the sample contains any of the latter metals.

Bullion assays of white gold, free from the platinum group metals, cost \$6.00, each sample, and an extra charge of \$1.00 when the sample contains any of the platinum group metals.

If you desire an assay made of your sample under the above conditions, please forward the necessary charges by post office money order; or if you desire your sample returned, this will be done upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Silver bullion is not purchased by the Mint unless it contains an appreciable gold content and only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, unless deposits contain white gold alloys (nickel, etc.,) when an extra melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed for each 100 ounces, or fraction; also a treatment charge varying from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Subject to the above charges, the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price for silver, after the material has been melted and assayed by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

DENVER APRIL 18, 1932

SERVICE JEWELERS
DALLAS TEXAS

CHECK PAYMENT YOUR DEPOSIT RECEIVED FIFTH INSTANT
MAILED YESTERDAY.

Superintendent Hotel

Collect charges at Dallas

April 12, 1933

Messrs. Cuthby & Anderson,
600 Jewelers Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 344 under date of the 3rd instant for which you desire payment in gold bars for half of the value thereof and check for the balance, I have to advise that I am this day in receipt of instructions from the Treasury Department advising that under the President's executive order of April 8th gold bars or gold coins may not be issued in exchange for gold deposits at the Mint. Gold may only be issued under permit authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury for purposes stated in the President's order, which latter is not yet in my hands.

Accordingly I will issue check in payment of this deposit for the full amount on the Treasurer of the United States which I trust will meet with your approval.

Respectfully


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

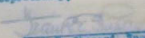
April 12, 1933

The Farmers & Traders Bank,
California, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that it will require 15¢ to cover the postage and insurance necessary to return your small consignment recently forwarded to this institution - the postage being 5¢ and insurance 10¢.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

April 12, 1933

Hillage Dental Supply Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your request of the 11th instant for some blank forms to be used in shipping gold to the Mint, I regret to say that our stock of these forms has become entirely exhausted and as it will be some time before a new supply will be received, you are requested to transmit the usual information in a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

April 12, 1933

Mr. John Corbridge,
Minersville, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package, unaccompanied by a letter of advice, bearing your name and address and containing two pieces of rock, gravel and dust, and have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of any kind of rocks or sand.

If you desire assays made of your material, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which can make gold and silver determinations for you at \$1.00 each, for each sample - money order for the proper amount, payable to the Assayer, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, to accompany your samples.

Please advise me promptly if you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, and if so, enclose the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

April 12, 1935

Mr. W. H. Simmons, Jr.,
430 South VanBuren Street,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant inclosing a small sample of mineral dust and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of material of this kind, it appears to be only iron stained quartz and mica and therefore of no value in the precious metals.

Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 12, 1933

Mr. William Flake,
C/o Dr. M. J. Fink,
85 West 10th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that deposits of old gold are not acceptable for purchase when their value is less than \$100.00 nor where the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content is less than one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

AIR MAIL

April 13, 1933

Mr. Martin A. Larson,
General Delivery,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

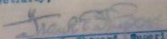
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment, weighing 110.79 troy ounces, 56.60 ounces consisting of filled watch cases in a separate box, I have to advise that these watch cases in nearly all instances contain an iron spring and many of them an iron pin, all of which should have been removed before shipment to the Mint, and I would therefore suggest that I proceed to treat your filled ware weighing 22.24 troy ounces and your good gold weighing 31.95 troy ounces, and return the watch cases to you.

If you desire that your good gold and filled gold be held until you can return the gold filled watch cases for inclusion therewith with the idea of having all three lots combined into one deposit, I would suggest that you send 10 or 15 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this deposit, as the combination of these three lots, without the silver, may give your material an excessive base metal content, and the silver mentioned would remedy such defect.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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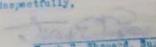
April 13, 1933

Mr. W. C. Lenhart, Postmaster,
Mainville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that by making application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular, I have no doubt you may obtain such recent colorage of this Mint's manufacture as you may desire.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

April 13, 1933

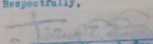
Mr. George M. Ludwig, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Palfurrias, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a sample of metal and requesting information as to its value, please be advised that while the Mint does not make bullion assays free of charge, an acid test of a part of your sample indicates that it is all bronze and therefore of no value.

The remainder of your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

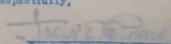
April 13, 1933

Mr. A. A. Hunter, Secretary
Helen Roe Mines,
Nogal, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant requesting duplicate copies of Mint memorandum of returns pertaining to deposit received from the Merchants Bank of Gallup last December, in amount \$150.76, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to obtain from the Merchants Bank a letter of authority directing me to supply you with these returns, Mr. Oliver's name not appearing in the letter of advice from the bank as having any connection with this deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 13, 1933

Mr. L. J. Will,
Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant stating you are forwarding to the Mint by insured parcel post one package of old gold, I have to advise that to date this package has not reached me and I thought it proper to call your attention to that fact.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1933

Mr. C. E. Sorensen,
221 Began Street,
Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that there are no vacancies at this institution of die makers or machinists, all dies being made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and under recent legislation no vacancies may be filled by appointment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 13, 1933

Goetze-Niemer Company,
70 Jenkins Building,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 10th instant which you describe as gold scrap, platinum, etc., your two packages weighing respectively 27.23 and 36.64 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals with which it may be forwarded to the Mint and unless you are willing to waive any platinum values contained in your deposit, I would suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 13, 1933

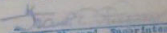
Mr. George W. Reiners,
3710 West 6th Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 9th instant, you are advised that when received here your material weighs 11.81 troy ounces instead of 248 pennyweights, or 12.40 troy ounces as stated by you.

Owing to this discrepancy in weight, I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 14, 1933

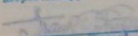
Mr. H. W. Resnick,
102 South Market Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request noted on my letter to you of March 29th, I have today returned to you by insured mail the old gold and silver forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using \$1⁰⁰/₁₀₀ of the \$2⁰⁰/₁₀₀ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 11⁰⁰/₁₀₀ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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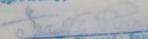
April 14, 1933

Mr. W. L. Harriott,
Wheeler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the metal
forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 11¢ of the
42¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and
returning herewith 31¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WLS:
Enclosure

April 14, 1933

Miss Elsie E. Erickson,
Alamosa, Colorado. Box 637

Dear Madam:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, you are advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 10.05 troy ounces instead of one pound as stated in your letter of advice.

Please advise me promptly if the weight of this material as received at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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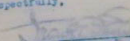
April 14, 1933

Mr. H. J. Diamond,
P. O. Box 561,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 11th instant, consisting of 8.99 troy ounces of gold and 32.02 troy ounces of filled ware, I have to advise that it is believed your deposit will contain less than one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals which would render it unacceptable for purchase. I would therefore suggest that you send not less than 8 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this consignment in order that the requisite amount of the precious metals will be contained therein.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 14, 1933

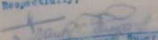
Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 11th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 311.03 troy ounces instead of about 307 ounces as stated by you, I regret to say I was not issue gold bars in payment of the gold content of this deposit, as under the President's recent executive order the issue of gold coin and gold bars in exchange for gold deposited at the Mint is not authorized. It is my understanding that a permit will have to be obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury to receive gold in exchange.

I will therefore forward you check in payment of your deposit and have to request that you will advise me promptly if this will be satisfactory to you and if the difference in weight as above noted meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 14, 1933

Mr. J. L. Perry,
2124 Oxford Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant in reference to gold shipments from the Edison Mine in Taos County, New Mexico, from the years 1905 to 1915, inclusive, and have to say that owing to the fact that the Mint does not keep a ledger account of deposits received, it is impossible for me to state definitely if shipments have been received at the Mint from the mine in question, but it is believed that no such deposits have been received here - consignments from that district having come principally from small operators in the form of placer gold obtained along the river banks.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

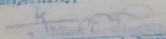
April 14, 1933

Mr. L. J. Will,
Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that it will be satisfactory to the Mint if you include in your shipment gold-filled and plated jewelry, provided, your deposit has a value of \$100.00 and one-fifth of its weight consists of pure gold, or pure gold and silver - these two conditions being necessary in each and every consignment to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

3¢ stamp returned

April 15, 1933

Mr. E. D. Samson,
1455 Coolidge Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 14th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 33.03 troy ounces, and have to advise that while the value of the precious metals contained in your material has not been definitely determined by assay, it appears that you will need from 5 to 10 ounces of sterling silver to be added thereto in order that the base metal content will not exceed the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase, namely, a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

It is also necessary that deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00 and if you have any doubt that your material will not contain that value, I would suggest that you send so much more good gold as may be necessary to give your deposit the required value.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

OK:T

April 15, 1933

Miss Jean Vreeland,
Murray, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I regret to say that the Mint has no literature on any subject for distribution and I would suggest that you consult one of the larger encyclopedias in your local library for such information as you may desire on the subject of gold, its history and mining.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

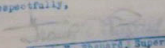
April 15, 1933

Mr. Paul E. Teske,
2113 Sixth Avenue,
Hibbing, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, weighing upon receipt here 10.31 troy ounces, I have to advise that I found therein a small tin box with a label inside that would indicate you believed the same to be platinum and inasmuch as the Mint does not purchase platinum, I have withheld the contents of this box from your deposit and will return same to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

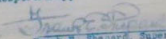
April 15, 1933

Mr. C. P. Mishler,
Hagerman, Idaho. R.R.No.1

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that our records do not disclose that any deposits were received at this institution from A. L. Gridley, Hagerman, Idaho, during the period October 17, 1932, to the last of November of that year.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

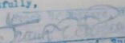
April 15, 1933

Mr. James Fry,
Boles, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that your small consignment
under date of the 6th instant, weighing 92/100 of a troy
ounce, can not be purchased by the Mint as two full troy
ounces of mined gold is the minimum the regulations per-
mit me to purchase, and upon receipt of the necessary
postage and insurance your grains will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 15, 1933

Mr. F. W. Hollingsworth,
C/o Okemah Drugs,
120 West Broadway,
Okemah, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I regret to say that I can not tell you how many ounces of old gold would be required to equal a value of \$100.00, which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase, as it would depend entirely upon the amount of pure gold contained in such articles. Gold filled jewelry contains very little gold and I would suggest that you consult some jeweler in your city as to the quality of the old gold you have and have him estimate as nearly as he can the amount of pure gold contained therein.

In addition to a value of \$100.00, it is also necessary that deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver, that is, if you have enough pure gold in your material to have a value \$100.00, but the base metal content exceeds four-fifths of the weight of the mass, it is necessary that high-grade silver be included to reduce the proportion of base metal.

Your stamp is herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Circular letter enclosed.

April 15, 1933

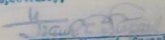
Krause Gold Refinery,
Osark Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, you are advised that upon receipt here your gold weighs 110.42 troy ounces instead of 120.35 ounces as stated in your letter of advice.

Please advise me promptly if the weight of your material as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1933

April 15, 1933

Mr. Harry C. Stephens,
901 South Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that the Mint can not accept for purchase your small consignment of recent date consisting of natural grains and quartz, weighing 1.55 troy ounces, and dental and jewelry scrap weighing 88/100 of a troy ounce, as two full troy ounces of mined gold is the very least accepted and dental and jewelry scrap is not purchased in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your two lots will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GHS:T

April 15, 1933

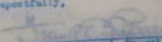
Mr. Antoni J. Weller,
C/o John Torrie,
Alamosa, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your shipment under date of the 12th instant, I regret to say that your metal is not suitable for purchase by the Mint, it apparently consisting of lead weighing 24.17 troy ounces, and a small amalgam button weighing 10/100 of a troy ounce. The Mint does not purchase less than two full troy ounces of mixed gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1933

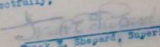
Mr. J. E. Nelson,
Clovis, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment of industrial scrap, weighing 12.07 troy ounces, and have to advise that this can not be entered for treatment until a letter of advice pertaining thereto has been received by me.

Your small bottle of metal grains are not gold and therefore are not suitable for acceptance by the Mint and will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

7:10

April 15, 1933

Mr. Louis Coques,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of amalgam and natural grains, weighing 2.41 troy ounces, and have to advise that this deposit can not be entered for treatment until a letter of advice pertaining thereto has been received by me. Kindly give this your prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 15, 1933

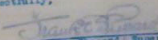
Sand W. Jewelry Company,
113 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Main Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date and have to advise that old gold in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Both of the above requirements are necessary in regard to all deposits, and as your material falls very much below in both instances, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1933

Booth & Olson, Inc.,
620 Insurance Exchange Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant relative to the amount, quality and dates of deposits received at the Mint from the

Bareks Mining Company,
Peerless Mining Company and
Grant Hill Mining Company,

all of Custer, South Dakota, I have to advise that no information is disclosed by the Mint relative to deposits received, except upon written authority from the depositor, and upon receipt of such authority from the Bareks Mining Company and the Peerless Mining Company, I will gladly furnish you the information requested - no deposits having been received from the Grant Hill Mining Company.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 15, 1933

Mr. Glen C. Flanders,
233 North Main Street,
Concord, New Hampshire.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of recent date for certain coins manufactured at this institution, you are advised that all applications for new coins must now be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

The dime and three-cent stamp enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

April 17, 1933

Mr. Walter F. Gilbert,
214 South 3rd Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment consisting of one bar weighing 4.40 troy ounces, you are advised that no consignments are entered for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

In this connection you are advised that deposits of industrial gold must have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to one-fifth of the weight of the deposit in order to be acceptable for purchase. Placer gold is accepted in lots of two troy ounces, or over.

Please advise us promptly concerning this material and if it is industrial scrap, you will have to send the necessary additional gold or the proper postage and insurance for its return to you. If placer gold, kindly state in your letter of advice the source from which it has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 17, 1933

A. Quint & Company,
5 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your request for a gold assay of the white gold watch case forwarded by you to this institution under date of the 4th instant, I have to advise that the cut in said case was continued as requested by you, but after making several assays of the half case not bearing the manufacturer's name, it has been found to be an insufficient sample to obtain concordant assays, and before proceeding further in this matter, I have to ask if it will be satisfactory to you if we should use the other half of this case and retain only the small portion on which the manufacturer's name has been stamped.

As you are perhaps aware a half of this case could have only a small gold content owing to the white gold alloys contained, and therefore an accurate assay is exceedingly difficult to obtain with a small sample.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 17, 1933

Mr. C. Whittenburg,
C/o South Texas Produce Company,
McAllen, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my letter to you under date of March 27th relative to your metal at this institution, which letter was forwarded to you at Mission, Texas, and which you will note has been returned to me unclaimed.

In view of the fact that your metal has been at this institution since the middle of last February, I shall expect you to make proper arrangements for the immediate return of this material to you. Our storage space is very limited and the Mint can not hold such deposits indefinitely. You are therefore requested to make prompt arrangements with a transfer company in this city to call at the Mint for this metal for shipment to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

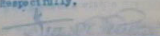
April 17, 1933

Mr. W. C. Osborn,
Fruita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 15th instant, consisting of natural grains weighing upon receipt here 2.33 troy ounces, I note that you desire that said gold be tested for platinum, and have to advise that the Mint does not make any allowance for platinum contained in deposits, nor are assays furnished showing the presence of such metal. I therefore have to request that you will advise me if I shall proceed to treat this deposit, waiving all platinum values or information relative thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:7

April 17, 1933

Southwest Smelting & Refining Company,
106 East 10th Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase mutilated silver coins of the United States at their bullion value only. Mutilated minor coins are not purchased except in one pound lots, or multiples thereof, the Mint paying 14¢ and 15¢ per pound for copper and nickel, respectively.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

April 17, 1923

Mr. Joe McWhorter,
General Delivery,
Marietta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that no change has been made in the receipt of gold deposits at the Mint which are paid for at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less the usual charges imposed by the Mint.

Placer or free gold is accepted in lots having a weight of two troy ounces, or over.

Kindly accompany your consignment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CS:T

April 17, 1933

Mr. Albert Bange,
420 Valdes Carrillo,
Torreón Coah., Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, you are advised that deposits of industrial gold must have a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Pinner gold is purchased in lots of two tray ounces, or over.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold contained in deposit, less \$1.00 for melting 1000 ounces, or fraction, and a treatment charge depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Kindly accompany any consignments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GB:V

April 17, 1933

Gansel's Jewelry Company,
Independence, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name and address, consisting of 5 buttons and one pin weighing 12.94 troy ounces, and have to advise that no consignments are entered for treatment and purchase until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor. To date no such letter has been received from you and I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.T

April 17, 1933

Mr. H. A. Larkie,
Allard, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted by the Mint in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces, or over - the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice in order to receive attention at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 17, 1933

Mr. Charles B. Morgan,
Heldrege, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name and address, consisting of industrial scrap weighing 20.76 troy ounces, and have to advise that no consignments are entered for treatment and purchase until a letter of advice pertaining thereto has been received from the depositor. Kindly let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 17, 1933

Mr. Theo H. Beroher,
R. F. D. 1,
Garley, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not make analyses of gold bearing sand as desired by you but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples when same are forwarded to that office. I would suggest that you send at least two ounces of sand.

Pure gold is worth \$20.67 per troy ounce. The Mint has no literature of any description for distribution.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

April 17, 1933

Mr. Harry I. McCoy,
4536 Lindell Boulevard,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant,
I have returned to you by registered mail the Industrial
scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 38¢
of the 51¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and
returning 13¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 17, 1933

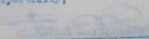
The First National Bank,
Florence, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 14th instant I have returned to you by insured mail the small retort forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 18¢ of the 50¢ in stamps enclosed with your two letters for that purpose and returning herewith 32¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank P. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

April 17, 1933

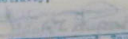
Dr. R. T. Lay,
Seneca, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your con-
signment under date of the 13th instant, weighing upon re-
ceipt here 1.52 troy ounces, and regret to say the Mint can
not purchase this material from you as dental gold is not
accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance
your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

April 17, 1933

Mr. C. E. Anderson,
519 North Walts Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and would be very glad to accommodate you by buying your watch case if its value would not be so greatly below the minimum value which deposits must have in order to be acceptable for purchase. These regulations are made at the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., and I have no discretion in waiving them in such cases.

I doubt very much if you could obtain in excess of \$14.00 from any one for this gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

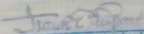
OH:T

DEVERE APRIL 18, 1933

PIEBOLD SAFE & LOCK COMPANY
CANTON OHIO

PLEASE ADVISE IF EDWIN G. COAST AUTHORIZED TO CLEAN

TIME LOCKS HERE AT DEVERE.



Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Canton

April 18, 1933

D. S. Hilder Motor Company,
415 Sixth Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

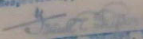
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, having a total weight upon receipt here of 27.22 Troy ounces, I regret to say that after melting and assaying your material, its value has been found to be considerably below the minimum which the Mint may accept and its base metal content far exceeds the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase.

There are two requirements that must be fulfilled in all deposits at the Mint, namely, that they shall have a value of not less than \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. When deposits fail to meet these requirements, the regulations require their rejection, and under these circumstances it has been necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose thereon a melting charge of \$1.00 which you are requested to forward me at your earliest convenience.

To render your material acceptable for purchase will require the addition of good gold having a value of about \$50. and about 10 ounces of high-grade silver to decrease its high base metal content. The above charges will have to be paid, however, before this deposit may be considered for treatment.

Respectfully,


John W. Thompson, Superintendent

April 18, 1933

Mr. H. E. Seafield,
806 South Main Street,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, in which you state you are enclosing \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on your deposit recently rejected at the Mint, I have to say that upon receipt of your letter this dollar was not found enclosed therewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

April 18, 1933

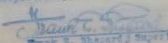
Mr. H. F. Dodd, Assistant Cashier,
American National Bank,
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the gold button forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 18¢ of the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 12¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

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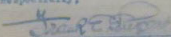
Dr. V. E. Dandey,
Altus, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 16th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the two nuggets forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 19½ of the 20¢ in coins enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a ½¢ stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

April 18, 1933

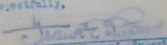
The Farmers & Traders Bank,
California, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your note on my letter to you of the 12th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the old gold jewelry forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 13¢ in stamps enclosed with your note for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

April 18, 1933

Mr. C. H. Stevens,
Northville, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 15¢ of the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a 2¢ stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
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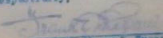
April 18, 1933

Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen,

Referring to your consignment No. 360 under date of the 15th instant, weighing upon receipt here 191.65 troy ounces, for which you desire payment in gold bars and cash, I regret to say that under present instructions payment for gold deposits may only be made by check, payment in gold bars or gold coin not being authorized under the President's recent executive order. I will therefore issue you check on the Treasurer of the United States in full payment of this deposit, which I trust will meet with your approval.

Respectfully,



Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 18, 1933

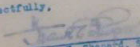
City Jewelry Company, Inc.,
713 - 8th Street,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering the postscript on your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that gold filled ware may be forwarded with other gold to the Mint for purchase, provided, that if you include much gold filled material, you also include some high grade silver in order that the base metal contained in the filled ware will not give your deposit a base metal content in excess of the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be accepted for purchase.

In this connection, you are advised that all deposits must meet two requirements; first, that there shall be present a value of at least \$100.00 and, second, that the pure gold, or pure gold and silver content shall not fall below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 18, 1933

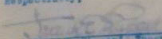
Mr. H. J. Diamond,
P. O. Box 561,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 12th instant weighing upon receipt here 56.28 troy ounces, I regret to say that after melting and assaying your material its base metal content has been found to greatly exceed the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase and as required by the regulations, your deposit has been rejected and our melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward us by money order at your earliest convenience.

In order to lower the base metal content of your material to come within the limit prescribed by the Mint, it will be necessary for you to forward not less than 10 ounces of high-grade silver and I would suggest that you also send a small quantity of good gold as it appears somewhat doubtful that your deposit will have a value of \$100. The above charges, however, will have to be paid before further action may be taken in re-treating this material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 18, 1933

Mrs. Marie Rechter,
7101 Stanford Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Answering your postal card of recent date as to the additional gold required to render your deposit at this institution acceptable for purchase, it is, of course, impossible to state definitely the value of your material now at the Mint until after it has been melted and assayed, but I would judge that \$30.00 in good gold would give your deposit the required value of \$100.00.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:7

April 18, 1933

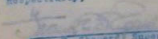
Mr. John Berkowitz,
113 East Douglas Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, I find that the total weight of your material as stated in your letter of advice should be 49.38 troy ounces, while upon receipt here your two bars and industrial scrap have a total weight of 48 troy ounces or 1.38 troy ounces less than stated by you - the discrepancy being in your silver and filled scrap as your two bars of gold weigh slightly more than the weight given by you.

Please advise -- if the weight of your consignment as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

Mr. J. A. Shields,
Assistant Cashier,
Nebraska State Bank,
Oakhosh, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the small consignment enclosed with your letter of the 17th instant, weighing upon receipt here 15/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not purchased by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100. As this small amount of gold is greatly under that value, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 18, 1938

Mr. William T. Hughes,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant relative to the weight of your consignment to this institution under date of the 11th instant and which upon receipt here weighed 11.18 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your package did not evidence any indication of having been tampered with while in transit. When packages are received that are not in good condition, depositors are always notified and informed of the weight of the material as received at the Mint and such deposits are held until the Mint has been advised by the depositor to proceed to treat same.

Your letter of advice did not state the weight of the bullion you were forwarding, only that you were forwarding a lump of bullion which you believed would meet our requirements and that you desired to sell same. This bullion when received was in the form of what is termed a "king" and had a round bottom as described by you.

I note that you state it weighed a trifle under 15 ounces on the scales of the express company and Mr. Patton's jewelry scales, under which conditions there must have been a difference in weigh as express companies use the avoirdupois system of weights, while the jewelers usually use the troy system as does the Mint - there being 16 ounces to the avoirdupois pound and 12 ounces to the troy pound. The Mint scales are adjusted each day for accuracy and deposits are opened and weighed in the presence of two employees when received and again after melting and any error in weight would therefore be quickly discovered, the loss in melting your material amounting to only 5/100 of a troy ounce.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 18, 1933

Mr. Walter J. Harmon,
Cache, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant and accompanying two pieces of dental scrap weighing 38/100 of a troy ounce and regret to say that the Mint can not purchase this from you as dental scrap is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

Dr. F. L. Wilson,
Stuart, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant enclosing 13¢ in postage for the return of your small consignment to you, I have to advise that Carl Blaurock, Eagle Building, this city, states that he will purchase this gold for \$8.75, returns to be made direct to you.

If you desire me to turn this bullion over to Mr. Blaurock, please either write him to call at the Mint and obtain same, or send me written authority to send this gold to him. If you do not care to accept this offer, your bullion will be returned you using the postage you have forwarded me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

April 16, 1933

Mr. S. A. Morales,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant advising of a shipment to this institution under date of the 6th instant, I have to advise that to date your shipment has not been received here and I thought it proper to call your attention to that fact.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 16, 1933

Mr. D. E. Becker,
VanBuren, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment No. 136 under date of the 15th instant, you are advised that this material weighs upon receipt here 12.19 troy ounces instead of 6528 grains, or 13.60 troy ounces, as stated by you.

Please advise me promptly if the weight of this deposit as received at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

April 18, 1933

Mr. J. W. Hardison,
Westwater, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 16th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the two bottles of gold amalgam forwarded by you to this Miat for purchase, using the 14¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

Mr. Leo W. Gates,
1439 A Clinton Street, Rear,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any pamphlets on mineralogy, or on any other subject, and I doubt if any such pamphlets are distributed by the Government, unless it would be by the United States Bureau of Mines, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
N/ stamp returned

April 15, 1933

Mr. Antoni J. Heller,
C/o John Dorris,
Alamosa, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the bullion forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 26¢ of the 35¢ in coins enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 9¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

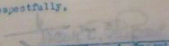
Mr. Carl M. Hanson,
Buyok, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant and accompanying sample consisting of two pieces of rock, you are advised that the Mint does not make analyses of material of this kind and I would suggest that if you desire an assay of this material you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

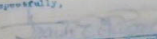
April 16, 1933

Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 15th instant, you are advised that our stock of forms No. 104b to be used as a letter of advice when forwarding deposits to the Mint has not yet been replenished and I do not know when any of these forms will be received. In the meantime you are requested to convey the usual information in a letter of advice when making shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 16, 1933

Mr. F. W. Drake,
1220 West Maple Street,
Faid, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have

- 1st. A value of at least \$100.
- 2nd. A pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Therefore if your material includes much low-grade gold or filled ware, you should include enough high-grade silver to give your material the necessary fineness of one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals. Filled ware usually requires silver in the proportion of one-fourth of its weight. Silver is paid for at approximately the New York market price.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 19, 1933

Mr. John Knight,
2112 Southern Avenue,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 17th instant, consisting of various lots of gold and two boxes of plated gold, weighing respectively 14.37 troy ounces and 28.51 troy ounces, together with 5½ ounces of sterling silver, I have to advise that owing to the base metal content of your plated gold, it will be necessary for you to send 10 ounces of sterling silver to give these various lots a total precious metal content of one-fifth of the weight of your deposit.

In this connection please be advised that owing to the large number of deposits being received, I would appreciate your giving me in your letters of advice the total weight of your material instead of individual weight of each lot, it having been necessary in this instance to weight eight lots in order to check your weights, whereas if our weight had been given considerable time in connection with your deposit would have been saved.

I am holding your material without treatment until advised by you regarding your wishes as to sending the additional silver required.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

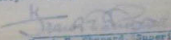
April 19, 1933

Lowenstein's Jewelers,
1236 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment consisting of industrial scrap weighing upon receipt here 16.62 troy ounces, with your card enclosed and have to advise that deposits are not entered for treatment until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor. Upon receipt of such a letter from you, I will proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1933

Mr. T. D. Neal,
Thermal, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment consisting of retorts and natural grains weighing upon receipt here 2.89 troy ounces instead of 2 ounces and 13 Dets, or 2.45 ounces as stated by you, and have to advise that no deposits are entered for treatment until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor. Upon receipt of such a letter from you, I will proceed to treat your material. Kindly state if the weight as received at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 19, 1933

The Peerless Mining Company,
Mr. G. A. Martin, Manager,
Custer, South Dakota.

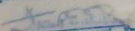
Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of advice and consignment under date of the 16th instant, I have to advise that your gold upon receipt here weighs 19.70 troy ounces instead of approximately 15 ounces as stated in your letter.

Today I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 18th instant and find that this gold weighs 3.41 troy ounces in lieu of approximately 5 ounces as stated in your letter of advice. The latter package was received in good condition, sealed.

I have proceeded to treat your shipment under date of the 16th instant but before entering your consignment under date of the 18th instant, I would appreciate your advising me if our weight of 3.41 troy ounces is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 19, 1933

Mr. Newton A. Martin,
C/o General Delivery,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant regarding your consignment to this institution under date of the 3rd instant and as stated in my previous letter to you, your material is not acceptable for purchase by the Mint. It is probable that after melting and assaying this material, the resulting bar would not exceed three ounces in weight and perhaps not even weight that much owing to the volatilization of the fine powder which now constitutes a large part of its weight.

The treatment of such deposits is very unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the Mint as well as the depositor who invariably has overestimated the gold content of his material and who consequently believes that some mistake has been made as to the amount due him in payment.

Material such as you have forwarded here should be melted prior to its transmission to the Mint to remove a large part of the non-gold-bearing substances. If you then have enough gold to equal a value of \$100.00, which as before stated is the minimum amount accepted for purchase, you may forward it here for that purpose.

When deposits do not meet the requirements of the Mint, they are rejected and such charges imposed as have been incurred up to the time of their rejection. You are therefore requested to forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you,

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

RECEIVED APRIL 30, 1963

SERVICE JOURNAL
1910 1/2 MAIN Street,
DALLAS TEXAS

HAVE NOT RECEIVED OUR NO. 1 APPLICATION ANY CHANGE IN
PRICE TO BE PAID FOR GOLD DEPOSITS AT RATE OF TWENTY DOLLARS PER
SIXTY SEVEN CENTS PER POUND GOLD LESS CURRENT CHARGES AS ESTIMATED.

Supplemental Sheet

Collect Charges at Dallas

April 20, 1933

Mr. Benjamin F. McClung,
2849 Tejon Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. McClung:

I am enclosing herewith Notice of Separation from the Service received from the Chief of Division of Appointments of the Treasury Department in Washington pertinent to your retirement from the service at the close of business on March 31, 1933, and have to request that you will date and kindly sign the notice at the bottom of the enclosed letter and return it to me for transmission to the Division of Appointments.

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation of the strict attention you paid to the duties to which you were assigned and your unvarying faithfulness during the fifteen years you were employed at the Mint and to assure you I deeply regret that legislative action made it necessary for you to retire from the service.

With kindest regards and sincere good wishes of myself and your co-workers at the Mint, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 20, 1933

Service Jewelers,
1915 1/2 Main Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letters of advice covering consignments to this institution in which you state the weight of each class of gold included in your deposit, the average generally being seven lots, I have to say that since all of these lots are melted at one time into one bar which is assayed to determine the amount of pure gold contained in your material, it is not necessary, so far as the Mint is concerned, for you to state the individual weight of each lot, the total weight of your consignment being sufficient for our records. Should our weight differ from your total weight, you will be notified when any limit of variation you may prescribe is exceeded prior to the treatment of your deposit.

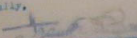
At the present time a very large number of deposits are being received and if each one required the weighing of from five to seven lots, you can readily see that considerable delay would result in the treatment and payment of deposits, thus working a hardship on all depositors.

If the above arrangement is satisfactory to you, please state the variation beyond which you desire to be notified when the total weight of your deposit does not coincide with the weight as received at the Mint.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1933

Garrett Furniture Company,
Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your unsigned letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept placer gold in lots as small as two troy ounces and over, when a letter of advice is received covering each deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

April 30, 1933

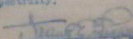
Mr. B. Galitsky,
2543 Bellefontaine Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment and letter of advise under date of the 17th instant, I note that you state you desire a check in payment for your shipment of gold No. 34844.9, the approximate weight of which is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Your industrial scrap upon receipt here weighs 15.95 troy ounces, and as there is no relevancy between the weight of your material and the numbers given in your letter, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of your material as received at the Mint meets with your approval. Your material is being held without treatment in the meantime and will you please advise me what meaning the above numbers stated by you have to your deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1933

Schwartz Brothers Dental Laboratory Company,
515 Olive Street, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 12th instant, consisting of 15.46 troy ounces of Dental Fillings, I regret to say that after melting and assaying this material, its value has been found to be only about one half of the minimum value deposits must contain to be acceptable for purchase and the regulations require that this deposit be rejected and our charges incurred up to the time of its rejection be imposed thereon, amounting to \$2.00 which you are requested to forward me by money order at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this material as a deposit at the Mint, you are requested to forward gold having a value of over \$50.00 to be added to this lot, but before further action may be taken for the reentry of this material as a deposit, the above charges will have to be paid.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

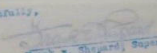
April 20, 1933

Mr. A. E. Diamond,
2720 High Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 18th instant, which you state should have a weight of 39 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 38.89 troy ounces. Before proceeding to treat your deposit, you are requested to advise us if our weight at the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CS:T

April 20, 1933

Mr. Roy Lovelace,
Paw, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant and accompanying sample of sand, you are advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, it does not appear that this sand contains any values in the precious metals, which can only be determined by having an assay made. Reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

The sample of your material forwarded here is returned you herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1935

H. H. Tennant Company,
162 South Main Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Regarding your consignment under date of the 18th instant, consisting of 4 bars weighing 11.77 troy ounces for which you desire payment in pure gold bars, I regret to say that your request can not be complied with owing to the President's recent executive order prohibiting the issue of gold coin or gold bars in exchange for the gold content of deposits.

Your deposit may be paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, however, and if this is not satisfactory to you, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, unless you desire it returned by express, collect.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

April 20, 1933

Mrs. C. Wichmann,
Telluride, Colorado. Box 695

Dear Madam:

Regarding the two buttons and jewelry scrap, weighing 2.04 troy ounces, referred to on your postal card of the 17th instant, you are advised that deposits of this character must have a value of at least \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. As your material falls greatly below that minimum in value, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1933

Dr. E. E. Shields,
315 East Douglas,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your two buttons of dental scrap, weighing 5.20 troy ounces, and have to advise that deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in order to be acceptable at the Mint for purchase. It will require the addition of not less than two ounces more of similar material to give your deposit the necessary value, and if you can send this additional gold, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Please also be advised that no deposits are entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

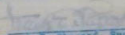
April 20, 1933

Mr. Charles E. Edmondson,
Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Several days ago I received a deposit from you but to date have not received a letter of advice pertaining thereto. Please let me hear from you regarding this deposit at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1933

Mr. Charles C. Stillman,
6800 Wilave, St. Louis, Missouri.

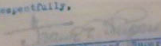
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment consisting of one button and jewelry scrap weighing 8.66 troy ounces, and have to advise that deposits of this character must have a value of at least \$100. As your material will fall greatly below this value, it can not be accepted for purchase by the Mint.

To render this deposit acceptable, I would suggest that you forward sufficient good gold to give your material the required value, but if this not convenient, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

You are also advised that no deposits are entered for treatment until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1933

Miss Florence Rice Wallace,
Fowler, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your card of the 19th instant, I regret to say that it would be impossible under any circumstances to issue you gold coins of any denomination, the President's recent executive order prohibiting such procedure.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

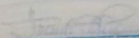
GE:V

DENVER

APRIL 21, 1933

J. L. MONTGOMERY
MILBROOK, TEXAS

HAVE NOT RECEIVED BUN SO I ANTICIPATE RECEIVING ANY
CHANGE IN PRESENT PRICE PAID FOR GOLD IN DEPOSITS.



Superintendent Mint

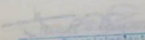
Collect Charges at Milbrook.

Night Letter

DENVER APRIL 21, 1935

CARL STOFFTUCHEN
AND EDWARD BRINKER
ST. LOUIS MISSOURI

HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOR DO I ANTICIPATE RECEIVING ANY
CHANGE IF PRESENT PRICE PAID FOR GOLD IN DEPOSITS.


Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at St. Louis.

April 21, 1932

Mr. E. D. Samson,
1456 Coolidge Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your postal card of the 19th instant stating you are forwarding a box of gold and silver in line with my letter to you of the 15th instant said material being necessary to reduce the base metal content of your deposit at this institution, I have to advise that I find your second shipment consists of jewelry having a weight of 1.91 troy ounces and two silver spoons weighing 1.03 troy ounces, or a total of 2.94 troy ounces, while in my letter to you I stated that it would be necessary for you to send from 5 to 10 ounces of sterling silver in order to render your deposit acceptable for purchase.

If you can not send the silver as stated, I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of all your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1935

Dr. Frederick Borchers,
415 1/2 Fourth Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 18th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here, the box containing your material was not sealed being fastened only with a string which would readily permit the opening of one end of the box and the extraction therefrom of the contents.

The contents of your box when received at the Mint is as follows:

Five watch cases,	
One watch case rim,	
One small gold chain,	
One "solid gold" ring,	
All loose in package and weighing	6.00 Troy Ozs.
One pasteboard watch box, sealed with paper tape, containing industrial scrap weighing	11.35 " "
One small red pasteboard box, sealed with paper tape, containing industrial scrap weighing	4.89 " "
Total weight of contents	22.30 " "

Please advise me promptly if the above list of contents includes all articles forwarded by you to the Mint and if the weight is satisfactory to you - your material being held without treatment pending receipt of advice in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1933

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

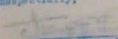
Sir:

I am enclosing standard form No. 13 in duplicate and have to request that you will kindly furnish thereon the official record relative to the service of Elroy J. Wagon, while employed at your institution.

After indicating his complete record while at your Mint, will you kindly forward this form to the United States Assay Office with the request that his employment there be shown and the original copy of the form be returned to this office. In this connection, please see Paragraph 2 of instructions on said form.

Your prompt compliance with this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 21, 1933

Mr. H. O. Engesleford,
West Star Route,
Targent, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date consisting of two gold bridges and weighing 35/100 of a troy ounce, and have to advise that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100. I am therefore unable to purchase your gold and it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1933

Diebold Safe & Lock Company,
Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find voucher in the sum of \$45.00 covering the cleaning, repairing, etc., of six time locks in this building.

Kindly sign this voucher as indicated and forward same to the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for payment.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 21, 1933

Mr. W. M. Anderson,
Assistant Cashier,
Boson State Bank,
Boson, Montana.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th instant,
I am returning to you herewith the cuff button forwarded
by you to this Mint for purchase on March 30th. I am
also returning herewith the 15c in postage enclosed with
your letter.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
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April 21, 1933

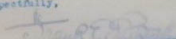
Miss Ruby Jewel Brown,
Skellytown, Texas. Box 162

Dear Miss Brown:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and I regret very much that I am unable to send you any pamphlets on the subject of making money but the Government has no such literature for distribution.

I would suggest that you read such articles as you can find on this subject in your local library.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 21, 1933

Mr. D. W. Clark, President,
Chicago-Haughtuck Crucible Covers,
Shelton, Connecticut.

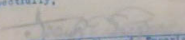
Dear Mr. Clark:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and have to advise that the following is a list of the bids received for the graphite articles needed at this institution - the award of the No. 100 covers having been made to the Dixon Crucible Company in the sum of \$400.

	<u>Bartley</u> <u>Cruc.Co</u>	<u>Chicago</u> <u>Haughtuck</u>	<u>Dixon</u> <u>Cruc.Co</u>	<u>Bess -</u> <u>Tacony</u>	<u>Vesuvius</u> <u>Cruc.Co</u>
200 No.100 Cru. Covers .	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
50 No.20 Std. Crucibles	100.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
300 9-in. Spn- Stirrers	75.00	75.00	105.00	105.00	105.00

With kindest regards and hoping you will visit this part of the country in the near future, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1933

Mr. B. C. Yates, General Manager,
Homestake Mining Company,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Yates:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and in reply have to state that the parting and refining charges of this Mint are uniform throughout the Mint Service and no exceptions are ever made in them for the benefit of certain depositors.

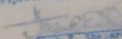
However, if your bullion could be refined to 992, or over, there would be no parting and refining charge thereon, simply a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, together with an alloy charge which would be nominal.

All of the Mint's charges are based upon what is believed to be the actual cost of rendering deposits suitable for coinage, without taking into consideration interest on the money invested, depreciation and maintenance, nor any losses which inevitable occur at times in spite of all precautions to the contrary.

I would therefore question a saving of 50% in the treatment of your bullion in your own refinery.

I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges for your information and beg to assure you that any assistance I can be to you in the premises would be gladly rendered.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 21, 1933

Grand W. Jewelry Company,
113 1/2 North Main Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of recent date, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the old gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 39¢ of the 50¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 11¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 22, 1922

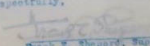
Dr. E. T. Lay,
Seneca, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase using 13¢ of the 15¢ in postage furnished by you for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
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April 22, 1932.

Mr. John Lindsay,
Attorney at Law,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of March 30th, I have to advise that no deposits have been received at this institution during the past year from H. J. Knowlton, Charles W. Slevens, or C. H. Donaldson, or from the Jewel Leasing Company or Lewis & Walker.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 22, 1933

Princeton Gold Mining Company,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 17th ultimo, I have
to advise that no deposits have been received at this insti-
tution between the dates May 31st and November 30th, 1932,
from O. C. Kirkwood, J. Edgar Wild, James Beardon or Herman
Bengard.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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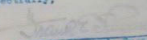
April 22, 1933

Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find acknowledgment of receipt of
Notice of Separation from the Service of Benjamin F. McClung,
who was retired as helper at this institution at the close of
business on March 31, 1933.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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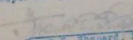
April 22, 1933

Mr. B. C. Clark,
Parcell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the consignment to which you refer therein was received here on the 13th instant but was not entered for treatment until the 15th instant as your letter of advice was not received until the latter date - no consignments being entered for treatment until a letter of advice covering same has been received by me. Check in payment for this deposit was mailed you on the 19th instant and no doubt will be in your hands prior to the receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 22, 1933

Mr. Murray Crumette,
General Delivery,
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 19th instant in reference to the date on which payment will be forwarded you for your consignment weighing 41.07 troy ounces received this date, I have to advise that check will probably leave the Mint on the 26th instant.

In this connection, please be advised that it is impossible to state definitely the date on which payment will be made for deposits, as a failure to obtain concordant assays may cause a remelting of the material, and also the large number of deposits being received make it almost impossible to state the exact day of payment although every effort is made to liquidate deposits as early as possible.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. SHAPIRO, Superintendent

ON:T
Stamped envelope returned

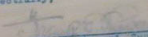
April 22, 1933

Mr. E. J. Diamond,
P. O. Box 561,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and accompanying consignment, weighing 8.03 troy ounces, in response to my request for 8 ounces of high-grade silver for addition to your consignment under date of the 11th instant, and have to advise that while 8 ounces or more of gold having the equivalent in fineness of sterling silver would have been satisfactory to render your deposit acceptable for purchase, the gold you have forwarded lacks the required fineness and you should send not less than 8 ounces of sterling silver or 8 ounces of gold 900 fine to permit us to accept your deposit. In the meantime your material is being held without treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 22, 1933

Mr. Ben Streusand, Agent,
222 Milam Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, weighing upon receipt here 173.33 troy ounces, for the account of L. D. Neuwirth, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material, its base metal content has been found to exceed the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. Your bar has accordingly been rejected and our melting charge amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon, which you are requested to forward us by money order at your earliest convenience.

In order to render this material acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to forward not less than 10 ounces of sterling silver and as much more as it may be convenient for you to send, in order that the proportion of the base metals contained in this deposit may be reduced within the limits prescribed by the Mint. Before this deposit may be re-entered, however, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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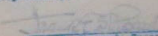
April 22, 1933

Mr. John Wohlarb,
121 Main Avenue, East,
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment consisting of two retorts having a combined weight of 3.12 troy ounces, you are advised that this material is being held without treatment pending the receipt from you of a letter of advice pertaining thereto. You are also requested to execute the enclosed card to show the source from which this gold has been obtained returning it to the Mint with your letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

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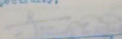
April 22, 1935

Mr. J. J. Levinson,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, I have
to advise that so far as I am advised no change will be made
from the present price to be paid for gold contained in gold
deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 22, 1933

Mr. M. F. Berthelson,
Ardsley, New York. Box 3

Dear Sir:

Regarding the request contained in your letter of the 19th instant to be furnished with one-cent bronze pieces of this Mint's manufacture for the calendar years 1914 and 1924, I regret to say that these coins were promptly distributed soon after their issue and consequently there are none on hand at this time.

I would suggest that you endeavor to obtain specimens from some coin collector or numismatic dealer but I regret that I am unable to furnish you names of any collectors or dealers. Your stamps (6¢) are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 24, 1933

Mr. J. A. Shields,
Assistant Cashier,
Nebraska State Bank,
Oshkosh, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 19th instant,
I have returned to you by first class mail the small amount
of old gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, us-
ing 6¢ of the 9¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for
that purpose and returning 5¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 24, 1933

Taylor Brothers,
Laredo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant,
I have returned to you by first class mail the sample of
silver bullion forwarded by you to this mint for test, us-
ing the \$4 in stamp enclosed with your letter for that
purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

April 24, 1933

Mr. Paul E. Teske,
2113 Sixth Avenue,
Hibbing, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note on my letter to you of the 15th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the small tin box containing metal believed by you to be platinum, using $6\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ of the 8¢ in postage enclosed with ~~note~~ note and returning herewith $1\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 24, 1933

Mr. Harry A. Stephens,
901 South Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the natural grains and quartz forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 21¢ of the 24¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a three-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

April 24, 1923

Mr. C. E. Gillespie, Secretary-Treasurer,
Hayden Lake Mining & Milling Company,
Rathdrum, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th instant, I have returned to you by parcel post the seven pieces of rock forwarded by you to this Mint for assay, using 27¢ of the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a three-cent stamp to balance.

In this connection you are advised that the Mint will purchase virgin gold in lots as small as two full troy ounces of gold when free from sand, rock or other foreign substances and any consignments forwarded here complying with these regulations will receive prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

April 24, 1933

Mr. R. C. Burgess,
Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your small bottle of grains which upon examination appear to be mica and of no value and unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 24, 1933

Mr. Thomas J. McCabe,
Waperson Building,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I regret that I am unable to advise you where you can obtain specimens of placer gold.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 24, 1933

Mrs. C. A. Thomas,
511 West Fourth Street,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 21st instant, I have to state that I have not been advised that there will be any change in the price to be paid for gold contained in deposits at the Mint, namely, \$50.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, after making the usual deductions for the treatment of such deposits.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 24, 1933

Lowenstein's Credit Jewelers,
1236 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to state that under a recent executive order of the President, payment for gold contained in deposits may be made only by check on the Treasurer of the United States, under which conditions I am not authorized to forward you gold bullion or gold coin in payment for the gold contained in your deposit.

Please advise me promptly if I shall proceed to treat your deposit and issue check in payment therefor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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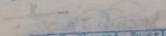
April 24, 1923

Mr. Joe Masinter,
Tuckins Hotel,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that I have not been informed that there will be any change in the procedure of receiving gold deposits at the Mint and their payment at the present price of \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold contained therein, less the usual treatment charges. However, I am not authorized to issue gold coin or gold bars under any circumstances in exchange for the gold contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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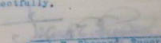
April 24, 1933

Mr. Charles L. Carroll,
Wichita Falls, Texas. Box 541

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that I have not been informed that there will be any change in the procedure of receiving gold deposits at the Mint and their payment at the present price of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less the usual treatment charges. However, I am not authorized to issue gold coin or gold bars under any circumstances in exchange for the gold contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CMT

April 24, 1933

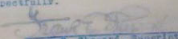
Mr. Arthur A. Olin,
Morristown Trust Company,
Morristown, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 20th instant for certain coins minted in Denver, you are advised that under present regulations, all applications for new or uncirculated coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the following statement:

The six cents in coins and your stamped envelope are returned herewith.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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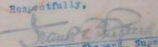
Cosha Jewelry Manufacturing Company, Inc.,
431 Sunderland Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant in which you state you are forwarding by express one package consisting of three bars of gold for which you desire payment in fine gold bars, I have to advise that under the President's recent executive order, gold deposits may be liquidated only by check on the Treasurer of the United States which makes it impossible for me to issue you either gold bars or gold coin in payment of your deposit.

Please advise me promptly if I shall proceed to treat your consignment and send you check in payment therefor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 24, 1933

Mr. A. E. Heldermon,
C/o Western Union Telegraph Company,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I
have to advise that the Mint does not sell silver in any
quantity nor could it be stored at the Mint under any
circumstances for the accommodation of the owner.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 24, 1933

The Davidson Company,
Mr. Jules L. Gerslick,
Manager Jewelry Department,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I
have to advise that so far as I am aware no change will be
made in the present price to be paid for gold deposits at
the Mint, which is at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce
of pure gold.

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

April 24, 1933

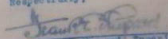
Mr. Edwin Hart,
Leola, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that so far as I am aware no change will be made in the conditions under which deposits may be made at the Mint and the price to be paid for the pure gold contained therein which at the present time is at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce of pure gold, less our regular treatment charges.

It is impossible to state whether the gold mentioned by you will make a satisfactory deposit at the Mint, the necessary requirements being that each deposit shall have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. If you believe your material will comply with these conditions, it may be forwarded here for purchase. Kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 24, 1933

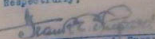
Mr. Edwin Hart,
Leola, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that so far as I am aware no change will be made in the conditions under which deposits may be made at the Mint and the price to be paid for the pure gold contained therein which at the present time is at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce of pure gold, less our regular treatment charges.

It is impossible to state whether the gold mentioned by you will make a satisfactory deposit at the Mint, the necessary requirements being that each deposit shall have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. If you believe your material will comply with these conditions, it may be forwarded here for purchase. Kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 24, 1933

Miss Ann Collins,
769 Broadway,
South Boston, Massachusetts.

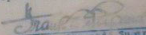
Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and have to advise that the coins described by you are not coins of the United States but are evidently tokens issued by some organization to commemorate the discovery of gold in California.

As the Mint does not deal in old coins, I would suggest that you seek further information relative to these pieces from some reliable coin collector, as well as what value would be possessed by the other coins referred to in your letter. The Mint does not have a list of coin collectors.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 24, 1933

Mr. Martin A. Larson,
General Delivery,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your letter of the 9th instant, I have this day returned you by express, charges collect, the watch cases included in your first shipment to the Mint, weighing 56.60 troy ounces and the watch cases contained in your second shipment, weighing 13.60 troy ounces, practically all of which have iron springs and pins which should be removed before these cases are forwarded to the Mint for melting and purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 24, 1933

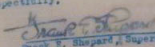
Mr. J. F. Hurley,
Telache Mines, Inc.,
611 Idaho Building,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 17th instant, consisting of five bars weighing 34.73 troy ounces, I have to advise it appears that this material will necessitate considerable working while in the process of melting in order to remove the large amount of base metal contained therein, and to impose a toughening charge in addition to our regular treatment charges.

Owing to the large number of deposits being received at the Mint, I have to advise that it will be necessary that future deposits have more of their lead, iron and zinc removed before being forwarded to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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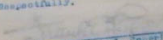
April 24, 1923

Mr. H. C. Anderson,
Delta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant and accompanying consignment of scrap weighing upon receipt here 2.21 troy ounces, I have to advise that this material is not of sufficient value or in condition to be suitable as a deposit at the Mint, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

April 25, 1933

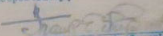
Mr. Oscar Payne,
American Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of amalgam weighing 1.73 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of amalgam or new gold except in lots having a weight of at least two full troy ounces.

I would therefore suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you, and if you can have the mercury driven off and add enough gold thereto to bring the weight of your material up to two troy ounces, it may be forwarded here for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 25, 1932

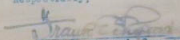
Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
32 Old Slip, New York City.

Sir:

I have forwarded you this day by Railway Express Agency,
on Government bill of lading No. T-43023 herewith enclosed,
the assay balance recently sent by you to this institution
for repairs and adjusting.

Trusting you will find this balance in good order and
satisfactory in its operation, I am

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

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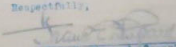
April 25, 1923

Consolidated Gold Mines, Inc.,
Attention: Mr. L. E. Foster,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I
have to advise that the Mint will purchase freshly mined
gold in lots of two troy ounces, or over, without previous
melting, provided, that if the gold has been gathered with
mercury, the latter has been driven off.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 25, 1933

Mr. E. L. McCoy,
Santa Rita, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small consignment weighing 1.52 troy ounces, without a letter of advice, and have to state that this material is of insufficient value to be accepted for purchase by the Mint - two full troy ounces of gold being the minimum accepted.

Unless you can promptly send the additional gold required to give this deposit the necessary weight, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

In this connection, I have to advise that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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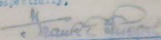
April 25, 1935

The American National Bank,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your small consignment weighing
23/100 of a troy ounce, for the account of F. H. Parrish,
I have to advise that gold of this character is not pur-
chased in lots having a value under \$100.00 and upon re-
ceipt of the necessary postage and insurance this cuff
link will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 25, 1923

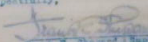
Dr. E. B. Shields,
315 East Douglas,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the dental scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 21¢ of the 25¢ in coins enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 4¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

April 23, 1933

Mr. C. C. Cordes,
Clester, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of recent gold, consisting of one bar and four pieces of gold having a total weight of 2.82 troy ounces, I have to advise that if this is mined gold, it will be purchased by the Mint upon receipt of advice from you as to the source from which this gold has been obtained which you will kindly indicate on the enclosed card.

Regarding your request that one half of the weight of this gold be paid you in refined gold and the balance in cash or a check, I have to advise that under the President's recent executive order, I am not authorized to liquidate any gold deposits by gold coin or fine gold bars and only check or currency for the full amount may be remitted you.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

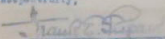
April 25, 1933

Mr. R. E. Hookstra,
1121-A, South 36th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of 10.62 troy ounces of scrap gold for which you request in your letter of the 22nd instant payment in ten-dollar gold coins instead of by check, please be advised that under the President's recent executive order, neither gold coin nor fine gold bars may be exchanged for gold contained in deposits at the Mint, and I am therefore liquidating your deposit in full by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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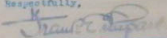
April 25, 1933

Omaha Jewelry Manufacturing Company, Inc.,
431 Sunderland Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment consisting of three bars of gold, for which you request payment in your letter of the 22nd instant in fine gold bars instead of by check, please be advised that under the President's recent executive order, neither gold coin nor fine gold bars may be exchanged for the gold contained in deposits at the Mint and I am therefore liquidating your deposit in full by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

DEVELOP APRIL 22, 1902

CALVIN L. LEE,
LANDMAN WYOMING

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REGARDING DEPOSITS FROM WALLACE P. GOVERNOR WHEN SHOWN AUTHORIZA-
TION REQUESTED FROM HIM.


Superintendent MYST

Collect charges at tender

April 26, 1933

Mr. Bert S. Mohler,
1676 N.W. 56th Terrace,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner, nor have I any information on the value of
old and rare coins. I would suggest that you correspond
with some private coin collector or numismatic dealer.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

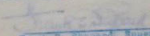
April 26, 1933

Mr. James Bailey,
C/o New Keystone Trading Company,
Keystone, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter of the 25th instant, it is my understanding that the maximum gold, in amount \$100.00 which a person may possess, has reference to gold coins or gold certificates, and not to gold being collected by miners and I doubt if there would be any objection to your holding your gold until such time as you may feel you can sell same to the Mint to your best advantage.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

April 26, 1938

Mr. H. S. Ojers,
Beloit, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your unsigned note requesting the return of the new 32nd degree Masonic ring included with your first shipment to this institution, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to send us the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this ring to you, as this expense may not be deducted from the payment due you for your deposit.

In future, kindly sign any letter of advice or other communication of this character in order that I may know that I have the proper authority for any action requested.

Respectfully,


FRANK M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 26, 1933

The Pattison McGrath Company,
1117 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your remittance under date of the 24th instant, weighing upon receipt here 23.64 tray ounces instead of 27 ounces, 19 dets. and 16 grains as stated by you, I have to advise that owing to this large discrepancy, I would appreciate your advising me promptly if the Mint's weight meets with your approval before proceeding to treat your material.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

April 26, 1933

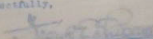
Peerless Mining Company,
Attention: Mr. E.A. Martin, Manager,
Custer, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant and your shipment of two bottles of gold, I have to advise that owing to the very large amount of base material in which this gold is contained, your consignment is not acceptable for treatment and purchase by the Mint and it will be necessary for you to separate most of this base material from your gold before your deposit is accepted for purchase.

I am therefore holding these two bottles intact and have to request that you still advise me if you wish them returned to you by express, collect, or what other disposition you desire made of them.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

W.F.

April 26, 1933

Mr. E. E. Pickles,
608 Polk Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

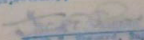
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that your lot of various karat gold weighs upon receipt here 7.63 troy ounces, instead of 170 Dwt. or 8.00 ounces, as stated by you.

As to your lot marked "Exhibit 4", weighing 1.19 troy ounces instead of 16-3/4 Dwt. or 83/100 of an ounce, as stated by you, and consisting of foreign coins, I have to state that the approximate value of these coins based upon a fineness of 900 would be \$21.20.

The total weight of your three lots is 9.42 troy ounces and I have to request that you will advise me promptly if this weight meets with your approval - the weight of your silver being correct.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

April 26, 1933

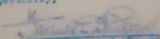
Dr. J. D. Mills,
1511 1-2 Classen Boulevard,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 24th instant consisting of five nuggets and some crucible liners weighing 5.48 troy ounces and in regard to your request to be advised of the value of the nuggets without including the grindings, I have to advise that separate returns are not made on any lots which do not have the full status of a deposit, namely, a value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material. Therefore it would be impossible to comply with your request as both lots would fall below the requirements.

I will therefore issue you check in payment and one memorandum of return for the entire shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

April 26, 1923

Weisser Jewelry Company,
313 South Adams Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th instant, consisting of 86.88 troy ounces of filled ware and 16.25 troy ounces of miscellaneous gold and silver, I have to advise that in order to render this deposit acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to send 25 ounces of sterling silver to offset the large amount of base metal contained in your filled ware - no deposits being accepted for purchase which do not have a fineness in pure gold and pure silver of at least one-fifth of the weight and a value not less than \$100.

I am holding your shipment without treatment and have to request that you will forward this silver at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 26, 1923

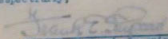
Mr. E. D. Samson,
1455 Coolidge Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your postal card of the 24th instant advising that you are mailing some silver and gold having an approximate weight of 30 ounces for addition to your previous consignments, I have to advise that the weight of this material upon receipt here is 23.29 troy ounces, which gives your three shipments a total weight of 59.26 troy ounces.

Before proceeding to treat this material, you are requested to advise me promptly if the weight of these three shipments as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 27, 1933

Mrs. Mabel C. Royal,
Silver Cliff, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your consignment of "panning" weighing upon receipt here 2.46 troy ounces, I have to advise that this material is not acceptable for purchase by the Mint as it appears to be chiefly pyrites of iron and therefore of no value, its gold content, if any, not being appreciable.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 27, 1933

Mr. J. F. Stroschke,
Silver Cliff, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th instant, consisting of nine gold buttons weighing 63/100 of a troy ounce, and one bar which you evidently supposed to be silver, weighing 4.45 troy ounces, please be advised that two full troy ounces of placer gold or freshly mined gold is the very minimum accepted by the Mint for purchase, and as the bar which you supposed to be silver is practically all lead it will only render your deposit unacceptable for purchase and not increase its value to any appreciable extent.

It will therefore be necessary for you to send not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of good gold to add to your nine buttons and I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage for the return of your bar which should it contain any silver would be of minor importance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 27, 1923

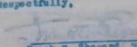
Hanser-Miller,
113 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here this material weighs 43.55 troy ounces, instead of 876 pennyweights, or 43.60 troy ounces, as stated by you.

Before proceeding to treat this deposit will you kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 27, 1933

Mrs. C. Wichmann,
Telluride, Colorado. Box 685

Dear Madam:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd instant I have returned to you by insured mail the two buttons of jewelry scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $3\frac{1}{2}$ of the $12\frac{1}{2}$ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith $3\frac{1}{2}$ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T
Enclosure

April 27, 1923

Mr. G. L. Cole,
Bockford, Illinois. R.R. 9

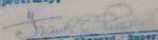
My dear Mr. Cole:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and regret exceedingly the delay in receipt by you of return on the gold forwarded here by you which was to have been turned over to Carl Blaurock, this city, for purchase.

I have taken this matter up with Mr. Blaurock and no doubt you will hear from him by the time you receive this letter, if you have not already done so.

I am glad to hear from you and take great pleasure in being of service to you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:F

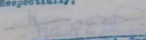
April 27, 1900

Mr. Charlie M. Askley,
Factola, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I have to state that if you desire to know the least amount of gold accepted for purchase by the Mint, you are advised that placer gold is accepted in lots as small as two full troy ounces, the Mint paying for same at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in such deposits, less the customary charges of the Mint. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

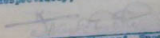
April 27, 1933

Mr. C. S. Wahlstedt,
107 East Park Street,
Anaconda, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th instant, weighing 2.10 troy ounces, I have to advise that gold of this character, which apparently is jewelry, is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100. As your material would come very far from even approximating that amount, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 27, 1933

Mr. J. A. Wilson, Postmaster,
Elmer City, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the two pieces of rock forwarded by you to this Mint for information as to their metal content, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, an examination of same does not indicate that it has any mineral content.

If you desire a complete assay made of your material, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance to cover the expense.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

April 27, 1933

Dr. F. L. Wilson,
Stuart, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

As authorized in your letter of the 20th instant, I have turned over to Carl Blumrock, this city, the bullion consigned by you to this Mint, taking his receipt therefor and requesting him to make returns direct to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

15¢ in stamps returned herewith

Denver, April 27, 1933.

H. W. Uebe, ~~Manager, Milwaukee~~

South Milwaukee,

Wis.

Gold paid for at rate of twenty dollars sixty seven cents fine ounce troy less treatment charges. New York market price less fraction for silver. Returns usually made three to six days.

John E. Uebe
Superintendent.

Collect at South Milwaukee.

April 27, 1933

Chippewa Trust Company,
Chippewa, Jefferson and Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Attention: Mr. Edward S. Hanson

Gentlemen:

Referring to your two consignments under date of the 24th instant, I have to advise that I am unable to comply with your request regarding the method of payment to be made you thereon, as neither gold bars nor gold coin may now be issued in exchange for the gold contained in deposits at the Mint, the President recently by executive order prohibiting such payment.

I have therefore to request that you advise me promptly if check on the Treasurer of the United States may be issued in payment of these bars - your consignment being held without treatment pending further advice from you in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

April 28, 1933

First National Bank & Trust Company,
Tulsa, Oklahoma. P.O. Box 2104

Gentlemen:

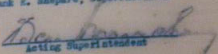
Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that the only information I have relative to the Mid West Platinum Company is that three individuals called at this institution on April 20th and deposited some old gold for purchase. This deposit was made in the name of the Mid West Platinum Company, and the parties gave their names as Mrs. E. W. White, W. F. White and C. D. White, stating that they had formerly lived in California and were thinking of settling in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that they intended to buy old gold and forward it to the Mint from time to time for purchase.

I regret that beyond this I am unable to give you any other information concerning this deposit or the individuals who delivered it to this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 26, 1933

Mr. A. B. Bean,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

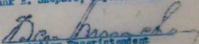
Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment consisting of one retort weighing 2.39 troy ounces, I have to advise that the regulations require that before deposits may be entered for treatment and purchase a letter of advice pertaining thereto be received by me. I would therefore request that you write me concerning this retort stating the source from which it has been produced, the advice enclosed with this deposit not being sufficient.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

Mrs. Violet Otto Wilson,
Holyoke, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your postal card of the 26th instant, I have to advise that silver coins when mutilated are purchased at their bullion value only when their condition is such that the coin can be readily identified as a coin of the United States.

There is no indication whatever that the material forwarded here by you contains a coin or any silver and I therefore exceedingly regret that the law would not permit me to reimburse you for the loss of your dollar. Upon receipt of the necessary postage your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Minich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

Mr. John F. Drake,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment of industrial scrap weighing 6.75 troy ounces, and as the required value of such material received for purchase must not be less than \$100.00 nor contain less than one-fifth of its weight in gold or pure gold and silver, you are requested to forward, if convenient, good gold having a value of at least \$10.00 for addition to this deposit. Should you not desire to do this, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

The Ute Creek Milling Company,
Mr. M. W. Gorman, Superintendent,
Baldy, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and have
to advise that no one from your district has made a deposit
at this institution of any character.

~~As you have available the names of persons who~~
think might forward your sponge to the Mint, I would suggest
that you send these names to me and I will gladly do what I
can to assist you in this matter. The names, of course,
will be kept confidential.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Minichay
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

The Ute Creek Milling Company,
Mr. M. W. Gorman, Superintendent,
Baldy, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and have
to advise that no one from your district has made a deposit
at this institution of any character.

~~as you have available the money to purchase your own~~
think might forward your sponge to the Mint, I would suggest
that you send these names to me and I will gladly do what I
can to assist you in this matter. The names, of course,
will be kept confidential.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Minichay
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

Mr. Alfred Christoffen,
236 North Main Street,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that if your old gold scrap will possess a value not under \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold. or more than 100 grains of gold per avoirdupois ounce for purchase.

Should you believe your material will have the required value and are doubtful as to its fineness, I would suggest that you add so much sterling silver as may be required to give your deposit a precious metal content as above noted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

April 26, 1933

Mr. W. W. Grace,
1020 North 3rd Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

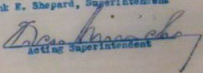
Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 26th instant, you are advised that your deposit was received here on the 11th instant and check in payment, amounting to \$68.59, was mailed you at Tombstone, Arizona, on the 16th instant. This check has not been returned to me, and I would therefore suggest that you take the matter up with the postmaster at Tombstone, requesting him to forward it to you at your present address.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

April 28, 1933

Sacks & Sacks,
504 Stewart Building,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of industrial scrap weighing 15.98 troy ounces, for which you desire payment in fine gold bars, I have to advise that under the exclusive privilege of the President of the United States, I am no longer authorized to issue gold coin or fine gold bars in exchange for the fine gold contained in deposits. If you desire, a check on the Treasurer of the United States may be issued in payment of this deposit and I am holding it until further advised regarding your wishes in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 26, 1933

Mr. M. Bothman,
5136 Cabanne,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment of one king and one bar weighing 12.36 troy ounces and have to state that a letter of advice is necessary before this deposit ~~may~~ be returned for treatment, such letter being necessary in all cases.

I note that the envelope around the king is marked "191 Dwt. 12K", and "66 Dwt. 14K" being indicated as the weight of the bar. Our weights check as regards the king, but the weight of your bar is 2.81 troy ounces, or practically 49 Dwt. less than the indicated weight.

Please advise me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BY


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1933

Mr. W. E. Griffith,
Socorro, New Mexico. Box No. 3

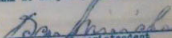
Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 27th instant, you are advised that it is not necessary to execute any blanks in making deposits at the Mint, but each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

April 28, 1933

Mr. H. J. Bosworth,
Boise City, Oklahoma.

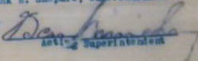
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant regarding assay of your material, I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing ore, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 29, 1933

Mr. Martin A. Larson,
General Delivery,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to state that so far as I am advised, the fact that this Government is now off the gold standard will have no effect on the present price paid for gold contained in deposits at the Mint, nor cause any change in the present conditions under which deposits are accepted for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 29, 1933

City Loan Company,
515 Salinas Avenue,
Laredo, Texas.

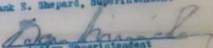
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of industrial scrap weighing 15.63 troy ounces, you are advised that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice. Upon receipt of such a letter from you, your consignment will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

ON:T

April 29, 1933

Mr. E. G. Anderson,
Delta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In response to your note on my letter to you of the 24th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the 3.21 troy ounces of industrial scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $19\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 21¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

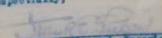
April 29, 1933

Lone Pine Mine,
Attention: Mr. S. O. Miller,
Golden, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant forwarding 74.84 troy ounces of gold bullion for which you desire draft forwarded to the First National Bank of Lewiston, Idaho, to be deposited to the credit of the Lone Pine Mine as a No. 2 account, please be advised that I have no information as to whether No. 2 accounts are protected, nor any other information pertaining thereto. I therefore have to request that you will advise me further as to the mode of payment desired by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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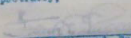
April 29, 1933

Mr. Charles L. Carroll,
Wichita Falls, Texas. Box 541

Dear Sir:

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter of the 27th instant in reference to your consignment weighing 12.25 troy ounces, I have to say that it is not necessary for you to separate the various classes of gold forward by you to the Mint as upon receipt here they are all consolidated and melted into one bar, payment being based upon the pure gold content of the mass.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

April 29, 1933

Mr. Newton A. Martin,
General Delivery,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with request contained in your letter of the 24th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the industrial scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the \$50 $\frac{1}{2}$ money order enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 28, 1933

Mr. H. F. McFarland, Jr.,
Childress Hotel Building,
Childress, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, I have to advise that before any information concerning deposits at the Mint is disclosed to other than the depositor, it is necessary that I have written authority from the depositor to divulge such information.

Of the different concerns mentioned by you, the Western Paving Company is the only one which can be recalled as having made any deposits at this institution and I can give you information concerning only its consignments in recent years, and only under the conditions previously stated.

The Mint does not issue any publications of mining operations and I believe that all of the information desired by you could be more fully obtained through the United States Bureau of Mines, Customs Building, this city.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

April 29, 1933

Mr. G. E. Linton,
Grand Junction, Colorado. Route 2

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request noted on my letter to you of the 6th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the watch case and two small pieces of dental scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 8¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 29, 1933

Mr. Harold L. Flinn,
C/o John H. Flinn,
Randall, Kansas. R.F.D. No. 1

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that no change has been made in the minimum value which deposits must contain in order to be acceptable for purchase which still remains at a minimum of \$100.00 in value, and the additional requirement that each deposit must contain at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 29, 1933

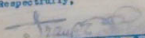
Drake's Jewelry Store,
Tulsa City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant weighing upon receipt here 6.75 troy ounces, I have to advise that gold of this character is not purchased when the consignment does not contain a full value of \$100.00, it appearing that your material will need about \$40.00 more in good gold to contain that value.

If you can send this additional gold, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Hon. John B. Kendrick,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kendrick:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo in regard to the matter of reducing the minimum value of deposits of manufactured gold received at the Mint, and we -- state that it would not be within my power to make any change pertaining thereto, this being a matter that would have to be authorized by the Director of the Mint at Washington.

My personal opinion is that if the present minimum of \$100.00 were lowered to one ounce of manufactured gold, so many small articles of jewelry, weighing one ounce or more but which would actually contain very much less than one ounce of pure gold, would be forwarded to the Mint for purchase that it would be impossible to handle them with the very small force which limited appropriations allow us to employ.

The coinage laws from early times have carried a provision that deposits having a value under \$100.00 may be legally refused, but the Director of the Mint a few years ago authorized the Mint to receive deposits of ~~small~~ mined gold in lots as small as two troy ounces, this having been done to encourage mining and help during the depression.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. C. E. Finklee,
608 Polk Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have checked over the items contained in your recent assignment to the Mint and they appear to agree with those mentioned in your letter.

In accordance with your authority, I have proceeded to treat this material and payment will be forwarded you in due course.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. E. B. Crowder,
Taylor, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint ~~will pay~~ \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits accepted by the Mint, less the customary charges applying on such deposits.

As heretofore, all deposits of old gold must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold, or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

As to the amount of gold required to produce the foregoing value, that would depend entirely upon the character of the material, as naturally deposits of low-karat fineness would be very much larger than those of high-karat fineness.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. V. T. York,
Route 2, Box 14 C,
Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that so far as I am aware no change will be made in the present price paid for gold contained in deposits accepted by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. W. L. Wells,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to advise that it is not possible to make separate returns on lots forwarded to the Mint unless each lot will have the full status of a deposit, namely, a value of \$100.

Regretting that I can not comply with your request,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

May 1, 1933

Mayer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets.
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that this material consisting of one button upon receipt of 492 pennyweights, instead of 492 pennyweights as stated by you.

I am withholding treatment of this deposit and have to request that you will advise me promptly if an error in weight was made by you in your letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CM:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. Howard E. Hirsman,
Spencer, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have re-checked the payment made you on your shipment of April 21st and do not find that any error has been made as to the value of your gold.

When deposits are accepted for purchase by the Mint, they are first melted into a bar and thoroughly stirred when in a molten state to mix all of the metals therein contained, and then top and bottom samples are taken of the bar and assayed by two different assayers whose results must agree as to the pure gold content. If they do not agree, the bar is remelted and again assayed in the same manner. Concordant assays were obtained without difficulty in this case.

By melting the various articles into one bar and ascertaining the gold content of the bar, a far more accurate method is used in determining the gold content of the deposit than by testing the individual pieces and is, of course, the only proper way of finding the true gold content of such material. There has been no change in the price of gold.

I am glad to have you call my attention to this matter and would gladly correct any error had one been made, which I do not find has occurred in this instance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Hillings Dental Supply Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, for which you desire payment in gold bars, I regret to say that under recent executive order of the President, payment in gold coin or gold bars is not authorized and it will therefore be necessary for me to liquidate your deposit by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if this mode of payment is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Skaggs, Superintendent

OS:T

May 1, 1933

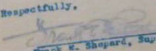
Mr. Charles McKinnis,
829 Glendale Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo and in reply have to state that while Tony Samoni and Sam Padilla, to whom you refer in your letter, ~~are not known to the Mint~~ of placer gold to the Mint, I know of no way in which the Mint could assist you in preventing these parties, and others to whom you refer, from high-grading on your property, if that is the source from which they have obtained their gold.

I would suggest that you take the matter up with the Sheriff of the county in which your property is located and have him seize the gold before it is shipped to the Mint or elsewhere for sale.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OEH:T

May 1, 1933

Miners' & Merchants' Savings Bank.
Lead, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to advise that deposits of manufactured gold in order to be acceptable for purchase by the mint should have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold or pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If you believe the lodge emblems to which you refer would comply with the foregoing conditions, they may be forwarded here for purchase. A letter of advice should accompany the shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. L. J. Will,
Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 25th ultimo,
I am returning herewith, duly executed, Statement of Con-
signee pertinent to your shipment of old gold to this in-
stitution under date of the 4th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 1, 1933

Mr. John C. Ward,
226 South Elm Street,
Newkirk, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment consisting of two watch cases weighing 2.25 troy ounces and regret to advise that the Mint can not purchase these cases from you as deposits of manufactured gold are not accepted for purchase when the value is under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance these cases will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1933

Mr. G. E. Dyer,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that your grains upon receipt here weigh 3.29 troy ounces, instead of 3.54 troy ounces as stated in your letter of 4-24-33.

Before proceeding to treat this shipment, you are requested to advise me promptly if the weight as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sweeney

OH:T

